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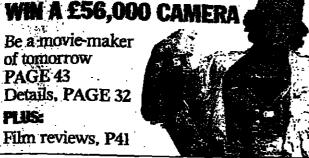
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# Bounty on Rushdie raised to \$2.5m



Rushdie: "cost of living

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A SHADOWY Iranian foundation yesterday increased the reward for the murder of Salman Rushdie by \$500,000 to \$25 million (ELS3 million) and said that even non-Muslims would be eligible to collect the bounty.

Britain swiftly denounced the move as as an "outrageous infringement" of the British author's fundamental rights and rejected attempts by President Rafsanjani to distance his Government from the offer. The Foreign Office dismissed

Foundation, a Qom-based charitable trust, was independent and said: "We call on President Rafsanjani specifically to condemn the bounty and to provide the European Union with those written assurances which

Mr Rushdie, who has been under threat of death since the late Ayatollah Khomeini proclaimed a fatwa over his book The Satanic Verses on February 14, 1989, described the bigger reward as "just a cost of living increase". But he said it showed how Europe's attempts to negotiate with the "gangster state" had been a complete failure. He

urged European politicians to stop "bending over backwards" to ap-

In fact, relations between Iran and the West have taken a rapid turn for the worse and the EU is about to abandon its "critical diaogue" with Tehran, believing that it has achieved nothing.

President Rafsanjani said yester-day that he did not foresee any easing in Tehran's strained relations with America, while a senior Iranian official in London said Tehran had no time for a dialogue with Europe and would concentrate on fellow Muslim countries. The increase in the bounty was

Islami newspaper, which reported Ayatollah Sheikh Hassan Sanei, the head of the 15 Khordad Foundation, as saying that anyone who killed the "apostate" writer could claim the reward, including non-Muslims

and his bodyguards. The International Rushdie De fence Committee said the new offer increased its concern. "Obviously we are alarmed," the group's secretary, Carmel Bedford, said. But Rushdie denied reports that his security had already been stepped up. It was already tight, and there was no pressure on him to retreat. "My view is that you don't defeat

President Rafsanjani insisted that the foundation's move did not concern his Government. "I don't know what their motive was, but the government's policy towards the (Rushdie affair) is the same as before, and one which we have

repeatedly announced," he said. But Britain has been increasingly concerned at the level of killings by Iranian agents overseas, and is now pressing for a sharp signal to Tehran that it must curb terrorism. Although not supporting the sanctions demanded by Washington, the Government has moved closer to

AN IRA sniper killed a soldier

and injured a woman civilian

in the border village of

Bessbrook, Co Armagh, last

The soldier died after he

was struck by a single high-

velocity round as he manned a

dominantly Protestant village,

which houses a large security

base. He was taken to the

Daisy Hill Hospital in Newry,

Co Down, where he was

The woman, who suffered

head cuts as she drave

through the checkpoint, was

also taken to the hospital, but

her condition was described as

not serious. A nine-year-old

boy and a second woman were

The victim was the first

soldier to be shot dead by the

IRA in Northern Ireland for

three years and the second to

be murdered by the terrorists

since the IRA ceasefire ended a

The shooting was immed-

iately condemned by the Prime Ministers of both Brit-

ain and Ireland and by the

Northern Ireland Secretary.

John Major said: "How many

declared dead.

treated for shock.

rehicle checkpoint in the pre-

such threats by running away. It is important to show that life goes on." the American view that Iran is a important to show that life goes on." main sponsor of international terrorism and a danger to world peace. Britain's condemnation of Iran over the Rushdie bounty was supported by its European partners, and the Government will find powerful support for a tougher line. Germany, in particular, is disillusioned with the results of its

controversial political opening to

Iran. Prosecutors at a trial in Berlin

have accused the Iranian Govern-

ment of ordering the killings of

Soldier killed

at checkpoint

by IRA sniper

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

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more victims must there be

before the evil men responsi-

ble recognise the utter futility

of their terrorism? Meanwhile the total hypotrisy of Sinn Fein's talk of peace is yet again

Let me make two promises

tonight: there will be no hiding

place for the culprits - none at

all - and I will not be

deflected from the real search

for a lasting settlement and

John Bruton, the Irish

Prime Minister, said the kill-

ing was an outrage, adding: The IRA campaign is anti-

Irish and contrary to the

Sir Patrick Mayhew de-scribed the shooting as a "coward's attack" which point-

ed up the cynical contrast

between words of peace and

crimes of terrorism. He added

that the IRA showed wanton

The shooting came after a

series of mortar and grenade

attacks on the security forces, which the IRA said last week

was not a phoney war. The

terrorists also said that a new

ceasefire was "most unlikely"

before the general election.

indifference to their victims.

interests of all in Ireland.

peace in Northern Ireland."

fully exposed.

# Labour tries to force vote f confidence

By JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP WEBSTER

#### Labour Party is attempt to harry John Major into early general election by cing a critical vote that build in turn lead to a confi-

Labour will call on Monday for Douglas Hogg to be sacked as Agriculture Minister over his handling of the BSE crisis. If the Opposition won, it it would be under pressure to hold a confidence vote the next day, possibly

triggering a general election. However, the Government is not yet in a minority and so should not lose - even if the Ulster Unionists, who are deeply unhappy about the fallout from mad cow disease, voted with Labour. Ministers were confident last night that they would see off the threat by bringing all Conservative MPs to the Commons.

A party spokesman said: "Parliament has had ample opportunity to discuss this ssue and the Government is taking forward policies to deal with this complicated issue in contrast Labour are

indulging in parliamentary gimmicks and personality Labour would have pre-

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Before

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ferred to call the vote after the Wirral South by election on February 27, when the Government is expected to go into minority. But Monday is the last chance for an Opposition-day debate and the Shadow Cabinet decided last night to use it on an issue that unites most other parties against the Government. The motion will demand a cut in Mr Hogg's salary - a device used to signal that the minister should

Labour is relying on sup-port from the Ulster Union-ists, but it will also need to get at least one Tory and all the opposition parties voting with it to win. If both sides muster all their forces — and there appeared little likelihood that

Lorries trapped

Scores of British lorry drivers were trapped in Spain as an

increasingly violent strike by Spanish truckers closed most

The Times on the Internet

http://www.the-times.co.uk

the country's northern

#### Chancellor rejects Bank's rate call

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, made it clear that he intends to continue defying the Bank of England's demands for higher interest rates. The Bank repeated its call for a modest rise in rates to meet the Government's inflation target of 2.5 per cent.

Unemployment fell sharply by 67,800 in January, leaving Britain's unemployment rate at 6.5 per cent, its lowest level since December 1990.

Leading article. Clarke rebuffs Bank.

Conservative would desert the Government - the result would be a tie, with the Speaker required to exercise her casting vote for the

Labour strategists said last night there had been informal talks with the Ulster Unionists, but denied that they had been given any assurances. However they are optimistic about winning their support on an issue that has upset many Ulster Unionists with farming constituencies. "We will be talking to the Unionists about their concerns over the next few weeks," a senior

Labour source said. Labour intends to build up pressure on the BSE issue throughout this week and over the weekend, accusing the Government of incompetence. John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader will be responsible for the strategy, which is also aimed at raising public indignation over John Major's inability to get the world ban on British beef lifted.

Mr Prescott said last night "How can a man responsible for one of the biggest bills for incompetence this country has ever seen be worth a Ministe-rial salary? We will hold

By GLEN OWEN

AND STEPHEN FARRELL

TWO British Telecom staff

working in the same office

were among the 190 people

who beat 30 million callers for

a British Airways offer of £10

Concorde seats which normal-

be excluded from future com-

petitions, claiming that some

might have access to inside

But British Telecom said

information which could im-

prove their chances.

Experts called for BT staff to

ly cost £5,400.

Douglas Hogg to account for the £3 billion his Government's incompetence has cost

The nine Ulster Unionists said that they would make a decision on how they would vote at a meeting just before the division on Monday night. They are all expected to vote together. Party sources said that they were still aggrieved about the beef crisis; but recent concerns had been centred more on the National Farmers' Union -- which had resisted mass slaughter ~ than on Mr Hogg's perfor-

mance. One source said that the party was ready for a general election and would not be bothered if a confidence vote was held immediately. "We will have to weigh it up

closely." However John Taylor, dep-uty leader of the party, later made clear that the price for Ulster Unionists support in a confidence motion would be for the Government to offer the same terms for a Northern Ireland grand committee as those for the grand committee

for Wales and Scotland. The Shadow Cabinet's decision to call the censure vote came amid the widespread assumption that Mr Major has decided to call the election on May I. His last opportunity for calling the poll on March 20 - and calling off the Wirral by-election - is the middle of next week, but ministers say that he now accepts that to do

so would smack of panic. Labour party sources emphasised last night that Tony Blair would not attempt a vote of no confidence unless he was certain that he would win. But he would face charges of cowardice if he failed to do so after a win on

Monday night. Labour also pointed out that the last time a censure motion against a minister was successful was 102 years ago.

BT staff dial £10 Concorde win

genuine "lottery" with callers

given an equal chance to win.

A spokesman said there would

not be an investigation without evidence of wrongdoing.

One of the BT winners,

Neville Secular, 25, a comput-

er operator based in offices at

Holborn, central London, in-

sisted he had simply dialled in

of times before 10 o'clock but they were playing a recorded message telling me to call later. I put the speaking clock on, so I knew exactly when to

try again, using the redial

"I tried the number a couple



Lucy Winkett, the first woman priest appointed by St Paul's, on her ordination day

## St Paul's row on woman priest

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent me at all. She is a very sweet

A CANON at St Paul's Cathedral yesterday attacked the appointment of the cathedral's first woman priest as "typical of the liberal agenda" and said he will boycott communion services whenever the Rev Lucy Winkett, 29, is presiding. Canon John Halliburton, the chancellor of St Paul's, said: "I don't believe her to be a priest". Her appointment brought "impaired commu-nion" into the heart of the

Canon Halliburton, who abstained when the cathedral's dean and chapter voted to appoint Miss Winkett, said his objection was based on the question of authority. He be-lieved the Church of England had no right to ordain women priests, when the majority of Christendom, such as the Roman Catholic and Orthodex churches, ordained men

only.
Miss Winkett's appointment as a minor canon at the

cathedral was defended by the Dean, the Very Rev Dr John Moses, who joined the cathedral staff last November after the retirement of the late Dr Eric Evans, a traditionalist. Dean Moses said he was a supporter of women priests. but added: "We are not playing gender politics. We appointed her because she was the best candidate for the

Dr Moses, who confessed to being "almost tone deaf", said it was Miss Minkett's remark-Continued on page 2, col 1

**England lose** vital World Cup game ENGLAND faltered in their

campaign to qualify for the World Cup last night when they lost 0-1 to Italy at Wernbley. Zola scored after 18 minutes. Despite almost constant pressure in the second half England failed to break

England still head group 2 but they have played a game more than Italy, who have the same number of points.

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Tuesday's call-in offer was a LETTERS 21 OBITUARIES 23 WILLIAM REES-MOGG...20

the usual way.

button on my phone," he said, adding that his colleague had done likewise, "Some might think that we found some way round it, but it is not true. My colleague is not in today, he is probably getting ready to pack," said Mr Secular, who will fly out with his fiance, Helen McCarthy, on Valen-

cathedral. "I have nothing against women," he added. "Their gender does not worry

Of the 30 million attempted calls recorded by British Airways switchboard between 9pm and midnight, 20 million were made between 9.50 and 10.15. Two million calls came from abroad.



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## **HOME NEWS**

## Those Chinese chaps had better jolly well behave

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I will do such things. — What they are yet I know not. — but they shall be The terrors of the earth.

Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, makes an unlikely King Lear — he is about as tragic as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding - but found himself in need of such an imprecation yesterday. He was challenged to say what Britain would do if China tears up the Basic Law safeguards Britain has agreed with China for the protection of Hong Kong.

Commons rumblings about Governor Patten's democratisation have virtually ceased. Opinion at Westminster is hardening in his support

As MPs see it, by setting up a puppet legislature for Hong Kong, Beijing has put itself beyond the pale. MPs look beyond June 30, fear the worst and wonder how they will answer the question "What did you do before the Atrocities, Daddy, to support democracy?" So they come to Foreign Office Questions and wave their tiny fists at the People's

"Everybody here expects China to honour its obligations," said Labour spokesman Derek Fatchett. What would the Government do about Chinese misbehaviour?

"I made a formal protest to the Chinese Ambassador last Thursday," declared Mr Hanley, stoutly. One was reassured, of course. Still,



one reflected that, after many millennia of earthquakes, after the Mongol hordes and the Great Wall. after the Opium Wars, the sacking of Shanghai, the Long March and the Cultural Revolution, it did seem just possible that China might not crumble in the face of a protest from Mr Jeremy Hanley last Thursday. Mr Hanley is a rather good Minister of States cheery, decent sounding, well-briefed and enthusi-

astic. But it never quite escapes our

suspicion that he may have missed

his métier as a jolly television figure in a white apron, advertising Bernard Matthews Norfolk Turkeys. perhaps, or Bisto gravy mix, or Paxo stuffing. The thought of the Chinese Ambassador qualling before him and promising to reverse Beijing's policy towards Hong Kong took a little getting used to.

The mournfully expert David Howell (C, Guildford) reminded Hanley that Britain's 1984 agreement with China guaranteed Hong Kong's system of government. What

this? These were important prob- Assuring us that "while the Conserlems, śaid Mr Hanley, sturdily. "It is right that we query them - and query them with great resolve!"

Indeed. In our mind's eye we pictured the scene in the Forbidden City as messengers arrive with momentous news from the West: "Grim tidings from Rondon, your exercency, Mister Hanrey is querying with great resolve."

Noticing that Mr Howell looked unconvinced by this assurance, the minister added: "We will continue to press the Chinese." That's all right, then. Even as he spoke, we could sense the Hong Kong dollar surge on the foreign exchanges. David Evans (C. Welwyn and

steps was Britain taking to insist on Hatfield) picked on an easier foe vatives are in office, the Union Jack will continue to fly over Gibraltar!", Mr Evans accused Labour ("that lot over there") of planning to "give away the Rock and its monkeys" to Spain. "But it takes a monkey to recognise one!" yelled the MP. mysteriously.

What could he mean? Was selfknowledge dawning, at last, on Mr Evans? Labour's Andrew Mackinlay suggested that Gibraltar should elect an MP at Westminster. It struck us that, should the apes wish to send us a representative, no new election is necessary. The good people of Welwyn have sent one

Tax on

utilities

is legal,

says QC

POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Labour leadership last night published independent

advice stating that its pro-posed "windfall tax" on privatised utilities is legal. The

move was meant to remove

any doubts about its plans to

raise £5 billion to put 250,000

versed his previous refusal to

reveal the reasons for Labour's confidence that the

In an eight-page opinion. Michael Beloff, QC, one of the

Bar's most respected figures

and President of Trinity Coll-

ege, Oxford, concludes that the windfall tax could not

attract a challenge under do-mestic law; that it should not

attract a challenge under European law but that if it did

the challenge would fail; and that it would withstand any

challenge which might come under the European Conven-

In a further blow to utility

leaders who have threatened

court action, Mr Beloff con-

cluded that there was no

prospect of a possible lengthy

application to European

courts delaying the introduc-tion of the tax. The tax would

erst Budget if the party came

to power, and would be app-lied to all the privatised utili-

last night. Other privatised industries, such as British

Airways, will not be covered.

The Tories and some utility leaders had pinned their

hopes on an opinion commis-

sioned by the rightwing think

tank. Aims of Industry, which

had warned the tax could

generate challenges. That ad-

refore go ahead in Labour's

tion on Human Rights.

tax is legal.

young people into work.

## **Education** best remedy for bigotry says Major

The Prime Minister met Britain's Jewish leaders last night and pledged his personal commitment to ending racial intolerance.

Mr Major, who has been wooing the ethnic vote in the run-up to the election, was at a dinner to raise funds for the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He praised the role of the Jewish community but declined to give any commit-ment on legislation on Holocaust denial amid calls that it

be made a criminal offence. Mr Major, referring to the Holocaust after Tony Blair indicated that a Labour government might be prepared to legislate, said: "Such bigotry is best confronted with calm reason and education.

#### Pro-Europe cash

The European Movement has secured a £150,000 grant from the European Commis sion to promote the benefits of EU membership. In a move likely to anger Tory Eurosceptics, the pressure group will launch a campaign to tell voters what they can gain from Europe.

The cornerstone of Labour's Vetting tightened economic policy appeared to be intact after Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, re-

MPs have been given details of stricter vetting of private sector applicants for White-hall posts. They had sought assurances after the departure last year of Chris Green as chief executive of English Heritage amid an investigation into "alleged administrative irregularities".

CJD aid denied

Ilja Andrews, whose mother died of Creutzield Jakob dis-case, the human conjugate of BSE, abandoned the property of compensation fro being refused legal daimed ministers had n the public by saying that was safe to eat

#### Relate boycott

Masqood Chawdhery, chairman of the Institute of Islamic Studies in Nottingham, called for a boycott of relationship lessons for the city's teenagers being tried out by Relate. He said: "This is totally offensive. Children should be given advice in

#### E.coli fear

Cairnie Lodge, the Arbroath nursing home at the centre of new E.coli outbreak, is desperately ill in hospital. other residents have died in the outbreak which has affected 22 Arbroath people, 19 connected with the nursing home.

#### Car kills sisters

Two elderly sisters died in Wolverhampton yesterday after a Porsche mounted the pavement and hit them. The car driver, a youth of 18 from Wednesfield, Wolverhamp-ton, was arrested at the scene and was being interviewed by police. The car was not said to

#### £32,200 for VC

A Victoria Cross awarded to a Royal Navy petty officer during the First World War sold for £32,200. The medal

## Albright postpones symbolic meeting with Ulster Secretary

IN WASHINGTON AND NICHOLAS WATT

A MEETING between Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, which was scheduled for next week to discuss the peace process, now appears unlikely to take place.

The meeting was postponed after a report in The Times that President Clinton was about to make a decisive shift in his policy on Northern Ireland. It said that the pro-posed meeting with Sir Patrick was intended to give more emphasis to backing the British and Irish Governments while slapping down Jean Kennedy Smith, the American Ambassador to Ireland. White House officials

emphasised yesterday that Northern Ireland will be high on the agenda when Ms Albright meets John Major on Tuesday. But ministers were disappointed that the US Administration had backed away from a symbolically important meeting with Sir Patrick. However, senior government figures said that they remained confident of a marked shift in support for the British stance in dealing with Sinn Fein and the IRA.

A spokesman said: "The request for the meeting came from the American side and the Secretary of State was



Kennedy Smith: stays

Albright. Now the American side are saying that their schedule in London is too tight. We are still looking forward to a meeting with Ms Albright as soon as it is

Clinton Administration officials were anxious yesterday to dismiss reports that they had begun to adopt a more wary approach towards the aspirations of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA. But there have also been indications that they are irritated by a series of reports in British newspapers critical of American officials involved in the peace process.

White House officials said vesterday that the peace process was close to Mr Clinton's

else's". Primary responsibility for the policy would remain with the National Security Council rather than the State

The Irish Government. which pressed for Jean Kennedy Smith to remain as Ambassador to Dublin after The Times reported that she was to be moved, yesterday welcomed the news that she would remain at her post. A government spokesman said: Mrs Kennedy Smith has been part of an administration that has been very supportive of the Irish Government in its efforts to bring peace to North-ern Ireland. She enjoys the support and confidence of the

The "green lobby" swung into action in her support on both sides of the Atlantic after The Times reported that President Clinton was planning to replace her. John Bruton, Ireland's Prime Minister, sang her praises in its parliament as his Government pressed for her to remain in Dublin. Irish diplomats in Washington reiterated the Taoiseach's remarks and made clear to the Administration that Dublin saw the ambassador's contacts with Sinn Fein as a key element in trying to rebuild

the peace process.
The diplomatic efforts were strengthened by Irish-Americans on Capitol Hill who threw their weight behind



Madeleine Albright will discuss Northern Ireland when she meets Mr Major

sister. Peter King, the Democratic congressman. ques-tioned Ms Albright about Mrs Kennedy Smith at a congressional hearing on Tuesday. The new Secretary of State

"green lobby" when she responded that Mrs Kennedy Smith was not being recalled: The ambassador made clear on Tuesday that she wanted to remain in Dublin when, after

of Foreign Affairs with Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister, she said: "If the President would like me to stay, I would love to stay."

#### Row at St Paul's **Bounty**

Continued from page I able ability as a soprano singer which made her the strongest candidate of the 16 who applied. All other candidates were men. Miss Winkett, who comes

from a churchgoing family in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire and whose fiance was killed in a climbing accident, is to take up her post from September. Ordained priest six months ago after training at Queen's theological college, Birmingham, she is considered to be one of the most promising of the hunsince Easter 1994. She appeared in the recent BBC documentary The Calling about life at a theological

Currently serving out her two-year curacy in the Chelmsford diocese, she came to the attention of Dean Moses in his former appointment as Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Miss Winkett, who read history at Selwyn College. Cambridge, and studied for a

year at the Royal College of Music, is curate at St Michael's, Little Ilford in Newham, east London, where her rector, the Rev John Whitwell, said: "She is an outstanding person and an outstanding priest and will go far."

Her appointment to St Paul's marks her as one of the church's rising stars. Should the church ever agree to women bishops; Miss Winkett is certain to be in the running.

Her duties will include helping to order services, dealing with special, one-off services and events, leading the singing at evensong and and serving as chaplain to the choir school. She will regularly take one of the 14 weekly communion service, plus oth-

This will not be the first time a woman has celebrated com-munion at St Paul's. The cathedral already has two women prebendaries, who are honorary canons, and women priests from the London diocese occasionally preside at a lunchtime communion.

Continued from page I three Kurdish dissidents and if the verdict, expected soon, directly implicates the Iranian Government, the EU policy of "critical dialogue" could become untenable.

That policy was launched at the Edinburgh summit in 1992 when Iran appeared eager to put the Rushdie case behind it and woo the Europeans. Tehran promised not to send any hit squads to kill Mr Rushdie, and offered some countries specific guarantees that no attempt would be made to kill him or his publishers on their territory.

Agreement broke down, however, hecause Tehran refused to lift the fatwa, insisting that a religious edict by Ayatollah Khomeini could not be repealed. Britain believes the "critical dialogue" has failed because Iran has not changed its policy in three vital areas: the Rushdie case, human rights and terrorism, and the attempt to acquire nuclear weapons.

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## MI5 believes Rushdie will never be free from threat

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

SALMAN RUSHDIE will never be free of the threat of murder, even if the Iranian Government officially lifts the fatwa issued on February 14, 1989, according to security

The level of threat faced by the author of The Satanic Verses is assessed by MI5. He is guarded by Scotland Yard's Special Branch in an operation that has so far cost more than £7 million.

Since the fatwa was declared, there has been a number of statements from leading figures in the Iranian Government which have appeared to indicate that Tehran no longer approves of the death sentence. These statements have not altered the view of those responsible for protecting the author that he will always be vulnerable to attack. Rushdie. who cannot stay at one address for long periods, has admitted that the security has become "a nuisance".

The Foreign Office monitors every statement from Iranian leaders to gauge the status of the fatwa. In April 1993 Nateq Nouri, who at the time was Speaker of the Iranian Parliament and is now tipped to be elected President in June, said: "Iran neither had nor has any intention of sending commandos to kill the apostate Salman

Rushdie." This was endorsed by President Rafsanjani later that year in an interview with Time magazine. In October 1993, however, Wilhem Nygaard, the Norwegian publisher of The Satanic Verses, was

wounded by gunfire. The following year the Iranian Ambassador to Oslo re-peated the official policy that commandos would not be sent

from Tehran to kill Rushdie. but he added that every Muslim was duty bound to kill the author "whenever and wher-

ever he is able to do so. The ambassador's remarks appeared in a letter to the Norwegian Foreign Ministry. He was subsequently recalled to Tehran, indicating that he had gone too far. In April 1995, President

Rafsanjani explicitly stated at a news conference in New Delhi that Iran had no intention of sending death squads to kill Rushdie. This was interpreted by some in the West as a sign that Tehran was moving towards lifting the fatwa. But the fears of the intelligence services were underlined when the head of the Iranian judiciary said last April that a Muslim would carry out the fatwa "sooner or

vice, commissioned from Gerald Barling, QC, an expert in European law, said it was likely that "there will be legal challenges based on respectable grounds" although it did not say they would win.

> als. Labour will offer every young person a choice of four options instead of benefit: Employers taking on longterm unemployed under 25 will be offered a £60 a week tax rebate for six months. ☐ Voluntary organisations will be able to pay a weekly

wage equivalent to their benefit plus a fixed sum for a year. Young people without basic qualifications will have the option of studying fulltime on an approved course while keeping their benefit. could work on

Labour's proposed environmental task force, paid a weekly wage equivalent to their benefit for six months.

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# GPs 'making thousands from illegal drug scam'

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has handed money over to my knowledge, but of course there may have

been other instances which

have gone unreported.
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believe he does have proof

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A university spokesworn

an said that its proctors.

the staff who act as its

internal police force, were

Some doctors handed out

prescriptions without either

drug screening or urine tests. The study said that there was

a tendency for doctors to issue

prescriptions of very high levels of drugs including up to

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Most private doctors desig-nated which chemist would

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ing on their fears."

A THRIVING network of private doctors is making huge sums of money by overprescribing illegal drugs to patients who then sell them on the open market, a Home Office 'study disclosed

Some private doctors in London receive an income of more than £100,000 a year by overprescribing or prescribing inappropriate combinations of drugs, including methadone

and amphetamines. The report adds: "There are increasing numbers of private doctors who prescribe to drug users, and increasingly overt advertising of services. Private prescribers range from highly committed professionals to the

"For a very small minority of private doctors, prescribing regimes seem to be driven by commercial considerations Large sums of money are to be made easily by issuing repeat prescriptions on a weekly basis to dependent drugs

The report, Tackling Local Drug Markets, found that some doctors in London charged drug users a 125 weekly consultation fee, which was paid before a prescription was issued. A few doctors names were regularly men-tioned by users and staff working in drug-abuse agen-cies and two separate sources

OXFORD University is investigating claims that a blackmailer is targeting students by threatening to report them for taking drugs (David Charter writes). One student has handed over £20 to a man who called at his college

room and said that he had proof the student smoked cannabis. Students at four colleges are believed to have been approached. Neill Coleman, the Stu-

told the researchers, from the drugs. It said that unscrupu-South Bank University, that lous doctors were able to deal some doctors had 200 depenwith high numbers of patients by offering minimum patient

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dent drug users on their lists. The study said that leakage from the private prescription system was the main source of supply of pharmaceutical drugs in the capital, "Several of our respondents were being prescribed more drugs than they needed and were selling the surplus in pharmaceutical markets," it said. "The sales covered the cost of prescriptions and consultancy fees."

The report demands action to stop overprescribing, pressure on pharmacies to stop giving credit for controlledprescription drugs and that pharmacists be encouraged to question customers about prescriptions for large amounts of

that the doctor and pharmacist worked together in profitsharing partnerships.

Pharmacists often allowed users credit. This enabled the users to collect half their prescription, sell it and then pay off the pharmacist and collect the remainder of the

prescription.
"We have no doubt whatsoever that this practice occurs on a regular basis in some chemists and that the pharmacists know that some of their prescriptions are being illegally sold," it added

It also highlighted the operation of introduction fees to private practitioners willing to verprescribe. "In some cases users introduce acquaintances to their doctor, who then pay an introducer's fee, for example by waiving a consultancy

Others work freelance, collecting a commission from other users for introducing them to a doctor; a common arrangement is for the introducer to get half the first prescription as commission." It found that the cost of

prescriptions after the payment of the £25 consultancy fee averaged £75 a week and that pharmacists made big profits through a huge markup in the prescribed drugs.

The study estimated that overall up to 30 million retail deals in illegal drugs take place in London each year with 75 per cent of purchases arranged by telephone.



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## Cherie **Booth** labours at gym

By Emma Wilkins

CHERIE BOOTH, the wife of the Labour leader, has joined a health club that invites its members to "worship at the temple of fitness.

The Albany Health and Fitness Centre in Regent's Park. London, charges its clients up to £588 annual membership plus a joining fee of £99. The club, which is



near the Blair family's hom in Islington, offers a range of treatments including cardiovascular workouts and Iran ian dancing classes. Ms Booth, 43, has already

shown a particular interest in the bicycling machine, which she pedals with gusto, according to one member. She arrives at 7am and works out in the gym before taking beauty therapy treatments. Her progress is assessed by

a personal trainer, who is monitoring muscle tone, diet

## Queen gives blessing to royal succession debate

By James Landale and Alan Hamilton

THE Queen has given her permission to Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare to press ahead with his Bill to end sex discrimination in the laws of Royal succession. In a written message read out to the House of Lords, the Queen said she would not let the Royal prerogative "stand in the way" of the measure.
The Succession to the Crown Bill would end the law

place a monarch's daughter first in line to the throne if she were the eldest child. At present, the eldest son is automatically heir, even if he has an elder sister. A daughter succeeds only if she has no brothers, and if none of her brothers' descendants are

If the Bill became law, it would not have any impact until and if Prince William has children and then only if the first child is a girl.

Buckingham Palace said last night that the Queen's consent to Lord Archer's proposal was purely a formality, and as head of state she was

THE national anthem will

ring out at Lansdowne Road on Saturday when it is played

before the rugby match be-tween England and Ireland

for the first time in Dublin

since Irish independence in

God Save the Queen before

the Irish anthem, Amhran na bhFiann, or The Soldier's

Song, which celebrates re-publican resistance to British

The decision was taken by

the Irish Rugby Football Union at the start of this

The Garda Band will play



Archer: delighted with the Queen's reply

bound by convention to allow debate on a constitutional issue. The Palace emphasised that the Queen's signature did not in any way indicate her personal support for, or disapproval of the measure.

The Queen and her senior advisers have no objection in principle to a change in the law of primogeniture affecting the succession to the throne,

season when it abandoned its

policy of playing only The Soldier's Song before

The playing of God Save

the Queen is a highly sensi-

tive issue in Dublin where it

was regarded as the anthem

of a colonial oppressor by republicans before Southern

Many nationalists

loyalist marching season.

Irish to play British

anthem before game

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

#### tary peers see the move as a threat to their own succession laws. The Lords traditionally do not oppose Bills at second reading. Viscount Ridley, the Lord

Steward of the Household, announced the Queen's reply at the start of business in the Lords yesterday despite Lord Archer's absence from the chamber. Lord Ridley, elder brother of the late Tory cabi-net minister Nicholas Ridley, told peers that he had a message from the Queen "signed in her own hand".

with government support.

It read: "I have received

Ireland gained indepen-dence in 1922. Lord Archer said that he was delighted. "I am sure it is

#### ing the pharmacist gives the IMENI STORES TICKET AGENCIES HEALTH SPAS FLURISTS HOTELS REST HOPS BEAUTICA E CATERERS OFF especially as the issue is likely to remain theoretical until well into the next century. Given ERY SHOPS the choice, however, the Palace would have preferred the JES DEALERS matter to be raised in a Bill from the Government rather CHES HEALTH than a backbencher. They are confident, however, that such a proposal would be likely to reach the statute book only TS GARD After going through the IMENI DIOB two weeks time, the Bill is likely to come up for a sub-**ETIONERS** 1 stantial debate at second reading in mid-March. However, the measure is unlikely to E CATERERS **O** become law. Not only is there not enough parliamentary time before the election for the Bill to pass through both

Houses, but also many heredi-JES DEALERS **C**E

your Address and, relying on the wisdom of my Parliament, I desire that my prerogative and interest insofar as they relate to the succession to the Crown should not stand in the way of the consideration by Parliament during the present session of any measure providing for the removal of any distinction between the sexes in determining the succession

Northern Ireland also object a popular move," he said. to it, because Orangemen Queen Elizabeth I, Queen beat out the authem on their Victoria and Queen Elizabeth pipes and drums during the

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## Missing prison officer is discovered dead in river

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A PRISON officer who disappeared six months after the IRA breakout from the Whitemoor top security jail was found dead in his submerged car yesterday. His widow said she feared he had been

Police confirmed that a blue Peugeot found in a river known as Forty Foot Drain near Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, belonged to Peter Curran. The body had been in the river for some time. The car was discovered only by chance

as police officers carried out a search for stolen vehicles. Mr Curran, 38, disappeared in May 1995, two days after being suspended from his job

at the jail near March, Cambridgeshire. He had been accused of smuggling toiletries to inmates.

Police in Cambridgeshire last night contacted Mr Curran's widow, Christine, who now lives in Dorset. The results of a postmortem examination were expected later. Mrs Curran said she suspected that her huband had been

"I don't believe this was just a road traffic accident," she said. "I find it incredible that of all days to have an accident. it had to be then. I think as I did.before that something else was going on here. It is one accident too many." Six

months before he went missing, five IRA men and an armed robber broke out of the special secure unit at the jail. Mr Curran did not work in the unit. He was last seen when he left his home to play golf. Mr Curran's disappearance

and the death in a car accident

woman officer from the jail, were linked last month with allegations that prison officers helped in the escape. That was strongly denied by the Prison Officers' Association. The claims were made by defence counsel Michael Mansfield. QC, after the collapse of a second trial of the men at Woolwich Crown Court.

# Benefits staff too busy to notice they overpaid dole by £28m

SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

CIVIL servants were so busy introducing a new benefit for the unemployed that they mistakenly paid £28.5 million too much to recipients of the old benefit.

Sir John Bourn, the Auditor-General, today refuses to approve the books of the National Insurance Fund because so much money

has been lost through error and fraud. One in six employers may be avoiding payment of National Insurance on company cars and fuel at a cost of £100 million a year. auditors discovered.

The introduction of the new jobseeker's allowance, which replaced unemployment benefit, backfired on ministers who intended it to save money by reducing claimants' eligibility for benefit from 12 months to six. The National Audit Office discovered that 7p of every £1 of unemployment benefit

was wrongly paid in its last year.
Staff failed to weed out thousands of ineligible claims. Errors included a lack of accurate information about why people were unemployed, and mistakes in interpreting National Insurance records. The main reason for the increase in these types of error in

1995-96 was the reduction in availability of experienced staff arising from the introduction of the jobseeker's allowance," Sir John says.

Inspectors from the Contributions Agency, which runs the National Insurance system, have been trying to increase revenue by targeting businesses which are already making payments, and checking their accounts for errors. Sir John suggests these are mainly

minor mistakes, based on miscalculations, and cost only £9.4 million a year. The inspectors would do better to concentrate on finding those employers who pay nothing,

Incapacity Benefit was introduced in 1995 in the belief that large numbers of fit people were claiming invalidity and sickness payments. Instead of simply proving that they are too ill to perform their

own jobs, claimants are now given a stringent medical examination. the "all-work test", to see if they are physically capable of holding down any type of employment.

The Benefits Agency predicted that 200,000 people would lose their entitlement, saving £415 million a year. Instead, only 102,000 of the 435,000 people examined had their claims disallowed, saving £280 million. Unemployment bene-

fit fraud costs a total of £167 million a year. Just over half is lost through individuals claiming money when they are not entitled, and the rest vanishes through the fraudulent encashments of girocheques and

order books. The drive against fraud resulted in the prosecution of 4,900 claimants and 132 colluding employers. People withdrew 88,500 claims

after investigations.

## Clarke balks at beans as he shops for voters

By Russell Jenkins

THE Chancellor strained to lift a supermarket basket full of groceries for the milling television cameramen watched by bemused shoppers yesterday outside the Asda superstore in the heart of the Wirral South constituency.

The wire baskets, one held by Kenneth Clarke and the other gripped by the Tory candidate Les Byrom, were intended to illustrate how much better off the average family is now compared with 1992. To be exact, a reputed E21 after tax and inflation.

Mr Clarke, who breezed into Merseyside with an equally breezy message about the economy, could not quite stick to the script. He assured pressmen that he did go regularly to the supermarket to do the family shopping with the missus" but then looked pointedly down at the

ple," he said with a smile.

The Times asked him whether he knew how much the ordinary-sized can of Heinz baked beans in his basket cost on the supermar-ket shelves behind him. "Do I look the kind of man who eats baked beans?" he replied, in a neat sidestep. "I am not a baked beans on toast man."

Minutes later, when Mr Clarke was trying to deliver a live interview to an ITN camera by the check-out desks, a scuffle broke out over his shoulder. Conservative Party minders and Asda security staff, in green jumpers and name tags, jumped in when Tony Samuelson, leader of the Against Conservatives Poncing on Tobacco Com-panies Party, and his wife, Carol, dressed as a giant cigarette stub, tried to muscle in. Mr Samuelson's allegation, that the Conservative Party was in league with welcome message on the day that Archie Norman, the chairman of Asda, invited the Chancellor on a walkabout in his store on Croft business park. "This is Nazi Germany," yelled Mr Samuelson, a byelection veteran, as he was bundled through the revolving

Earlier Mr Clarke delivered in rapid succession a series of "sound bite" interviews designed to herald the falling unemployment figures, play down his argument with the Bank of England over interest rates, dismiss the fears of Unilever on the single currency and get across the message generally that the economy is in the best shape for a generation. Despite all this, some were finding it tough, he admitted. "The Governor [of the Bank of England | reckons we need a quarter of one per cent more and I do not because it is still quite hard work earning your living in this country in some places." That

part of his message struck a chord with many of the shop-pers who looked with both bemusement and curiosity at the media circus surrounding

Leonard Monks, 72, a retired driving instructor, from Bromborough, buttonholed the Chancellor about how the Government intended to help war pensioners. "I wasn't very satisfied with his answer," he

The Chancellor found a more sympathetic audience at The Village Hotel, in Bromborough, where he gatecrashed the presentation of an "Investors in People" award to the accountants firm McEwan Wallace. Ian St John, the television football pundit and former Liverpool forward, was among the suited businessmen. "My family has always been Conservative and we were one of the poorest families in Scotland," he said. "I'll probably be voting for Les



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Margaret Baber, who was awarded £840,000 in the High Court in settlement of a claim for damages after her son suffered brain damage at birth (report, February II) was booked for a hospital delivery, not a home birth, and spent most of her labour in hospital.

## Wild salmon 'being killed by fish farms'

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

may be reduced by a new fertiliser additive based on a FISH farms and North Sea trawlers are being blamed for the decline of wild salmon and and found in oyster shells. Backers say that it cuts the amount of fertilisers sea trout in Britain's rivers. A government-appointed task force has concluded that action is needed to reduce the level of lice infestations on salmon farms to save the wild fish from further collapse.

Experts believe that the lice are contaminating and killing trout and, to a lesser extent, salmon as they migrate down rivers and past farming cages.

Force also says urgent research is needed into the extent to which trawlers operating in the North Sea are accidentally catching young salmon migrating to Greenland. Research has found that, contrary to popular myth, salmon smoults migrate as shoals, often from the same river, rather than as single fish, making them more likely

to be trapped in nets. The task force, chaired by Lord Nickson, was set up by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, in 1995 to try to find ways of halting the decline of Scotland's wild sea trout and salmon stocks. Its conclusions, which have implications for all British salmon and trout rivers, will be announced to-

A draft report underlines the need for dramatic changes in the way fish farms are run to make them more environmentally-friendly. Several of to be opposed by the farmers, who will argue that the costs are too high at a time when the industry is under threat from a highly competitive Norwegian fish farm operation

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A key recommendation is that an independent commit-tee should be set up to oversee salmon farming. The report states: "Levels of sea lice infestation on salmon at fish farms must be reduced."

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## Sister's death closes a chapter on idyllic isle

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FOR 33 years two spinster sisters lived on their own paradise island half a mile off the Cornish coast, supplied by a weekly boat and with only their costs. their cats and dogs and a colony of seabirds for

company.

Their idyll ended this week with the death in hospital of Evelyn Atkins, 87, after a fall. Her sister Barbara, in her late 70s, is now the sole resident of St George's Island, a stone's throw yet a world away from the other end of their lifeline, the little harbour at West

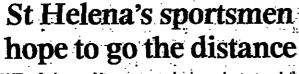
Looe.
Evelyn. known to everyone
as Attie, clung to her island life
to the last. After her fall, Babs tried to look after her sister at home but quickly found herself unable to cope. Last Wednesday, on the orders of a visiting doctor and nurse and in spite of her protests, Evelyn was taken off her island for the last time by air ambulance to the Passmore Edwards Hospital at Liskeard. She died there in the early hours of Monday.

Residents of Looe, to whom the sisters were a well-known and cherished couple, said yesterday that Evelyn would have liked to be interred in the earth of her own island, but she will be buried in Looe. Two books written by the sisters chronicling their life on the island still enjoy brisk

sales among tourists.
Originally from Epsom
Downs, Surrey, they fell in
love with St George's, known
locally as Looe Island, during a Cornish holiday in the 1960s. When it came on the market in



minute voyage in his 18ft Islander, keeping up a family George's begun by his grand-father and continued by his 21year-old son Jonathan. He would take them mail, food, newspapers, coal and diesel for their unreliable generator, which powered their lights and their only concessions to



ONE of the world's most isolated communities, the Atlantic island of St Helena, is receiving financial help from the Channel Islands so that it can take part in this year's Island Games (Dareh Grego-

rian writes). The host island of Jersey is trying to help to raise £12,000 by April so that St Helena can enter the biennial games. St Helena attended the first games in 1985, when its team

BIGGER CHOKE

took six weeks to travel the 4,500 miles to the Isle of Man, but has not been able send a team since 1987 because of the distance and cost.

The games have become a big sporting occasion, attracting teams from as far afield as the Isle of Wight and the Falklands. St Helena is planning to send a team of four competitors and an official to this year's games, which open on June 28.



In their books, We Bought an Island and Tales from an Island, they recalled that the asking price might as well have been £2 million, yet they

somehow raised the money. The sisters acquired 22 acres and a whitewashed stone-built, three-bedroomed house. The only other buildings on St George's are a cottage in the woods, which the sisters used tion, and a half-derelict out house which served as a cafe in the far-off days when St George's was a popular desti-nation for boat trips from

There they lived in peace and contentment. Babs used to teach needlework at a school in Looe and lived on the island at weekends. After her retirement nearly 20 years ago the sisters rarely left St George's. except for brief, occasional trips to Looe to the dentist or optician. They were never known to take holidays.

Friends recalled them as being like an old married couple, but absolute sweethearts". Tony Pengelly's weekly ten

Evelyn Atkins, left, who died in a Liskeard hospital after a fall, with her sister Barbara in 1995

The boat was occasionally defeated by weather. One Christmas, stormbound in West Looe, Mr Pengelly con-tacted a local television com-

Mr Pengelly's wife Lynda said yesterday that Barbara was in mourning at home with

pany, which flew out the

sisters' seasonal provisions by

spoken to them every day, originally by radio and now by mobile phone. Babs says she would like to stay there

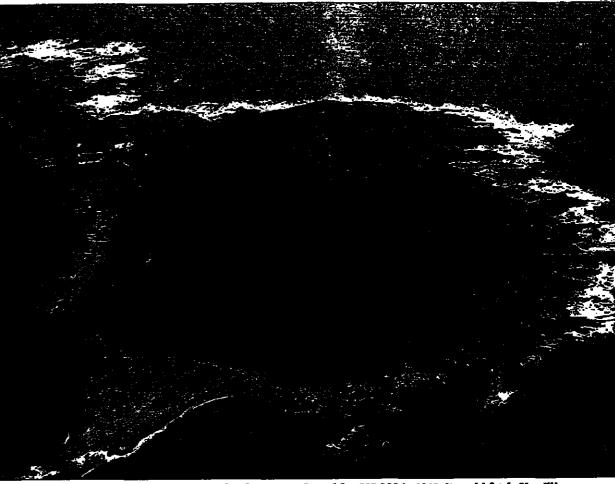
while her health is good."

Mrs Pengelly described
Evelyn's death as the end of an era. They just gelled together: both had their strengths, one way or another. One would be forceful and the other would

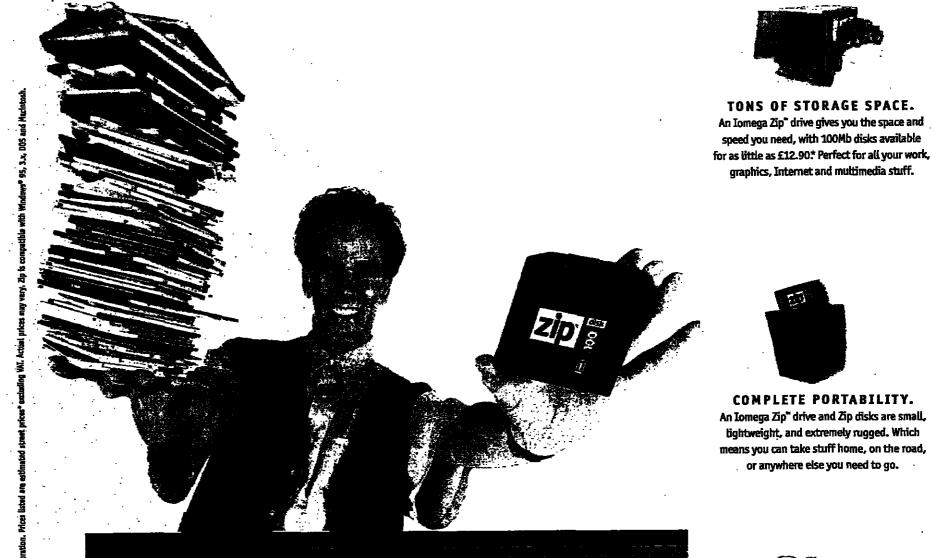
Evelyn did not want to leave the island and Babs did

not want her to come off

either. They kept saying she would see the doctor tomorrow; it was difficult to per-suade them. I don't think Evelyn's death has hit Babs yet. She has so much on her mind, she is being wonderful." The estate agent Knight Frank estimated yesterday that today the island could fetch El million. "People love islands and will pay the earth for them," a spokeswoman said. But there is no question



St George's, known locally as Looe Island, was purchased for £22,000 in 1963; it could fetch £1 million now



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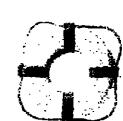
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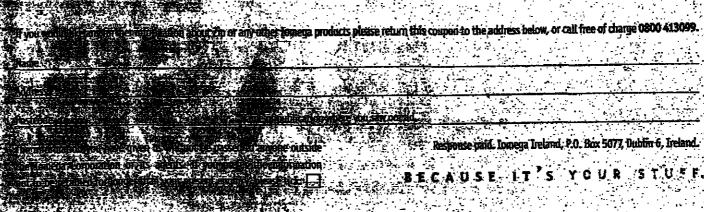


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## Howells takes secret of wife's murder with him to prison

By Paul Wilkinson

secret of David Howells's involvement in the murder of his domineering wife Eve by their two schoolboy sons was locked away with him in a life sentence

Mr Justice Alliott had adjourned sentence on Tuesday with a request for counsel to seek the "whole truth" from the family, but Howells and his sons Glenn, 17, and John, 16, stuck to their original stories. As the judge jailed Howells and ordered the boys to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure yesterday, he made it clear he believed the father was the "instigator of this appalling crime".

During their month-long trial at Leeds Crown Court. Howelis, 48, who was playing darts at the time of the murder in Huddersfield, west Yorkshire, had claimed he was unaware of his sons' plot to kill their mother. Glenn had admitted manslaughter on the grounds of provocation be-



Howells: maintains he did not know of plot

cause of her constant emotional abuse. He said he snapped after one particular verbal attack from his mother in August 1995 and struck her repeatedly with a stonemason's hammer. John would admit only that he had disposed of the murder weapon. Mr Justice Alliott told How-

ells: "You suborned your sons

into doing what they did. Over

a period of months, if not years, you so groomed and indoctrinated their young minds so that they did what you wanted. There cannot be a much

more vile thing than to get your sons to kill their mother unless it is to contemplate cheerfully their long detention while you went tree.

Yours is by far the greatest culpability. Notwithstanding any deficiency in the deceased as a wife and mother, she did nothing to warrant the terrible way she died."

He said the court had been forced to focus on the "stark and admitted fact that an apparently decent boy of 15 struck his defenceless mother with at least a dozen blows with a hamme

He added: "Another apparently decent boy of 14 was standing by to dispose of the hammer and his brother's bloodstained clothing. You, Glenn, were the actual killer and you, John, had a lesser but crucial role." Earlier Gary Burrell, for Glenn, said:



Eve Howells with her lover, Russell Hirst. Mr Justice Alliott said that whatever her deficiencies as wife and mother, she did not warrant the terrible way she died

that he should carry the full responsibility for what happened ... What is an inescapable conclusion in all this is that both parents carry a very heavy degree of blame for

that none of us will ever know the whole story." Simon Hawkesworth, QC. for the father, said he still

what happened. The reality is

maintained that he did not know of the plot. "He accepts that he failed to act to prevent this tragedy when he had the power to do so and that in his role as a father he has failed his sons and bears a heavy responsibility."
Aidan Marron, for John,

said it was through his father's attitude that the "unthinkable" plot to kill had become estab-

lished in his mind. Detective Superintendent Gary Haigh. who led the murder inquiry. said after the sentences "While the boys could not pick their mother. David Howells had options, he could have removed the boys either by leaving or divorce. At the end of the day I believe he thought this was going to be the easy way out."

Snowdon lover took painkiller overdose BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE former lover of the Earl of Snowdon killed herself with a huge dose of paracetamol because of uncertainty in her personal life, an inquest was

Ann Hills, a freelance jour-nalist, was close to Lord Snowdon for 20 years until her death. He did not attend the 30 minute inquest and was not mentioned. The only member of Mrs Hills's family to attend was her brother, Alan Philipp. a publisher.

Mrs Hills, 55, was found "curled up and dead" by her father, Elliott Philipp, on the roof of her London flat on New Year's Day, Westminster Cor-oner's Court was told.

Paul Knapman, the Coroner, asked her brother. "Whereas Ann had many friends, perhaps there was a failing to establish a permanent relationship with a male friend which caused her to worry about her future happiness?" Mr Philipp replied: "I believe there was a relationship which may or may not have been ending.

Mrs Hills spent Christmas in Norfolk with her former husband and her sons, returning home to Marylebone on December 30. A friend called police after noticing empty paracetamol wrappers next to wine bottles when she looked through a window.

Police found letters which suggested that Mrs Hills had taken her life. None of the correspondence was read at the inquest. Mrs Hills's body could not be found in the flat so police contacted her father. "He found her curled up and dead behind the chimney on a roof adjacent to the flat," Dr

Knapmari said. lain West, a pathologist, said that paracetamol, alcohol and temazepam, a tranquilliser, had been found in Mrs Hills's blood. The level of temazepam was within the therapeutic range. The cause of death is paracetamol intoxification, Dr West said.

Recording a verdict of suicide. Dr Knapman said: There was a moderate amount of alcohol, a moderate amount of temazepam and a lot of paracetamol. It is unusual to die straight away from paracetamol overdose, but it does happen from time to time and this was one of them.

"From the evidence I have seen this was an intended act. It is quite likely this occurred on the spur of the moment She wasn't happy with her life at the time."

## Faulty jet catapulted **RAF** pilot to his death

By Russell Jenkins

A TORNADO pilot who survived torture as a prisoner of the Iraqis during the Gulf War was suffering from a severe heart disease when he died in a freak air crash, an inquest was told yesterday. Flight Lieutenant Simon

Burgess, 28, was the youngest pilot to be shot down during the conflict six years ago. He endured 41 days in captivity after his aircraft came down over Baghdad a week after

fighting began. He was killed last February when his aircraft went out of control while taking off from RAF Valley on Anglesey. His Hawk trainer jet flipped over end the ejector seat cataptaited him on to the runway. The accident was blamed on mechanical failure. A post mortem examination revealed that he was suffering from a severe coronary disease.

Dr Anthony Caslin, the pathologist, said the pilot had died instantly from multiple injuries as a result of ejecting seven seconds after becoming airborne. He had not had a heart attack.

Stuart Culling, a senior air accident inspector from Farnborough, told the hearing in Llandudno, North Wales, that: a rod leading to the ailerons had been disconnected. This would not have been apparent to the pilot.

Flight Lieutenant Burgess, from Humberston, near Grimsby, had passed all the regular physical examinations for flying. He was involved in training instructors at RAF Valley. Dewi Pritchard-Jones, the Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.



on roof by her father

## Bishop's shunted car chases chariot of ire

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A BISHOP was involved in a unburt, said: "Imagine Boadigh speed car chase to catch a lorry that had almost driven him off the road.

The Right Rev David Konstant, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, was on his way to visit a hospital and school in Tamil Nadu, 150 miles from Madras, when his car was shunted by a lorry whose driver became enraged because he thought the bishop's chauffeur was not driving fast enough.

When the chauffeur tried to check the lorry driver's insurance details, he drove off. The bishop's car pursued the lorry down lanes and through paddy fields, finally forcing him to stop before they reached the hospital. Bishop Konstant, who was icea in her chariot with the knives on the wheels: the bolts on the lorry's nearside front wheel were very proud of the vehicle. The driver was apparently oblivious of the chaos he was causing."

The car's passenger door was badly damaged by the lorry, which hit it repeatedly next to where Father Andrew Summersgill, the bishop's secretary, was sitting. He said: "The lorry was trying to push us off the road, not because of who we were but because we were going slower than he was.

"We chased the lorry driver along these terribly bumpy potholed roads. The bishop and I weren't frightened. It was actually quite exciting."

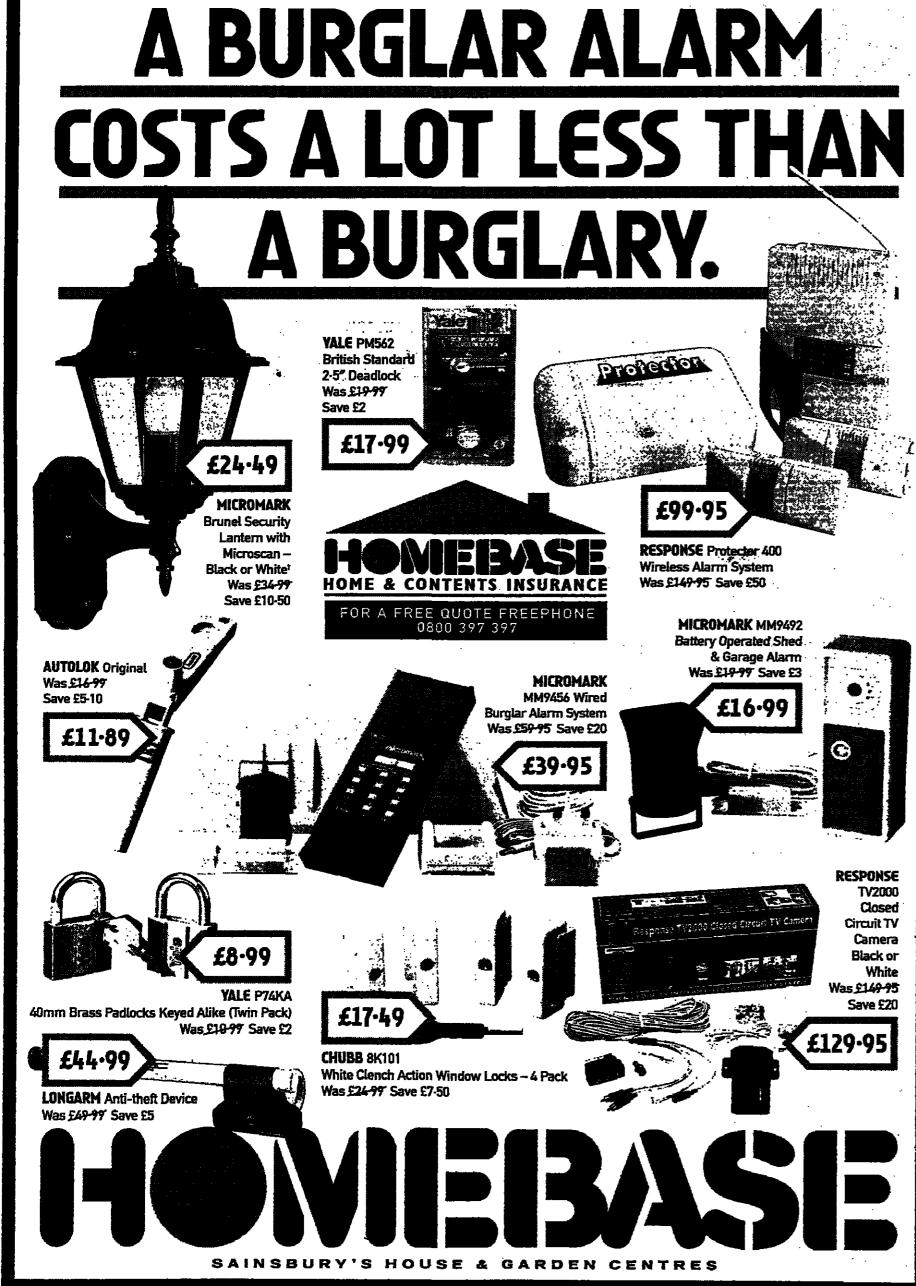
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# Boat comes in for ferryman who found sculpture

A FERRYMAN is expected to that the sculpture had overmake tens of thousands of turned his whole life: "I'm still pounds from his discovery of a in terror of the sculpture. I still Roman sculpture of a lioness cannot believe the interest, which archaeologists said yesespecially from America. Friends of mine were in Kenya terday was the best example of its type ever found in Scotland. and said I was on the main Robert Graham, 36, noticed

the sculpture in the waters of "I would like some extra the River Almond which runs cash like anyone else but I am not interested in it. It is the fact through Cramond, on the outskirts of Edinburgh. The I found it. I have always been lioness's nose was inches from interested in history. I prefer the past to the future." the steps of his ferry. At low tide, he tried to dig the object out of the water.

Yesterday the cleaned lioness, which is devouring When he realised how heavy it the head of a screaming. was, he alerted archaeologists. bearded man, was shown to who have dated it to the second to third century AD. Mr Graham is now likely to the press. It will take a further six months to restore fully but has already revealed more receive the full market value of clues about the tomb it

the sculpture from the Treasure Trove Panel which will decide its worth in a few months' time. None of the archaeologists involved in the Fraser Hunter, archaeologist with the National Museums of Scotland, said the first surprise came when conservarestoration was willing to put tionists cleaned the stone. "It a figure on the lioness but it is went from a fairly horrible

thousands. Mr Graham said muddy brown colour to offwhite. It would have been a very arresting sight."

The sculpture is made of white sandstone but its provenance is unknown. There is a source near Alloa, in Stirlingshire, 35 miles away but it could just as easily have come from somewhere in England.

As they were cleaning the

lioness the archaeologists found two lft snakes on the base of the plinth. "Snakes were looked upon more favourably in Roman times and often symbolised the spirit or the soul," Mr Hunter said. Some of the mystic religions use them as symbols of rebirth

The discovery has con-vinced archaeologists that the sculpture was part of the tomb of a high-ranking official. possibly the commanding officer of a Roman fort at Cramond. It is likely to have been one of a pair or even one of four. Mr Hunter is optimis-

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because they shed their skins."



Theo Skinner, a conservator, keeping the statue damp yesterday to prevent it from drying out too quickly

tic that funds will be found for further excavations in

the area. "It is broken and several small pieces are missing but it is remarkably unweathered," he said. "It has been beautifully made. The anatomical detail is incredible. The muscle structure of the back and even the dewclaw of the lioness can be clearly seen. This is the

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kind of thing you dream about as an archaeologist. I feel immensely privileged to be working on this amazing

"It has probably been carved at the fort at Cramond by one of the auxiliaries stationed there. They came from Gaul, Holland and North Africa as well as being recruited locally. In British terms, the

**After** 

quality of the artistry is very high. It has Celtic elements to it. It is not a purely classical piece carved by an Italian who was totally familiar with Roman art but the artist was

very accomplished." The sculpture will now be wahsed in baths of tap water and de-ionised water to remove the salt. It will take several months to dry and,

after conservation work is finished at the National Museum's Granton Centre in Edinburgh, the Treasure Trove Panel will decide where to display it.

Mr Graham is unlikely to get his reward until all the conservation work is finished. The Crown will pay him at the expense of the museum which

## Peace in battle for Pict war memorial

A BATTLE for possession of a Picish relic has been settled after 25 years. The 1,300-year-old Dunnichen Stone, which marks victory over the English at the Battle of Nechtans mere, was yesterday returned to Angus.

The sandstone relic, which is 5ft high, 2ft wide and weighs about a tonne. was given to the McManus Gallery in Dundee for safekeeping at local government reorganisation in 1971.

Since then Augus Council, controlled by the Scot-tish National Party, has urged the Labour-con-trolled Dundee City Council to return it. Angus had to make do

with a glass fibre replica until Dundee agreed to return it on a long-term loan. The real stone will not, however, return to its original location at Dunnichen Hill because of fears about its condition. It will be shown at the Meffan Institute in nearby Forfar.

## **Drivers on phone** four times more likely to crash

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

DRIVERS who use car phones while at the wheel are four times more likely to have an accident, research has shown. Hand-free phones are no safer than hand-held units. The risk is highest up to ten minutes after making or receiving a call, probably because the driver's attention is distracted.

The study of 699 car phone users who were involved in collisions is the first direct evidence that the phones add to driving hazards and is likely to increase pressure for restrictions. Laws against using hand-held telephones while driving operate in Switzerland, Israel, two Australian

states and Brazil. Although there is no law in Britain specifically against using a car phone while driving. the Highway Code recom-mends that drivers pull over. Drivers who do not may be prosecuted for driving without due care and attention.

The researchers from Toronto University, Canada, selected drivers with car phones from among almost 6,000 involved in collisions in Toronto over 14 months from July 1994 to August 1995. Only those who had bills to show how much they had used their

phone on the day of the collision and during the previ-ous week were included. By comparing the use of the phone around the time of the

accident with its use at other times, the researchers were able to estimate the increase in risk. The results showed that the risk of an accident was between 3.0 and 6.5 times higher within ten minutes after a call began as when the phone was not used. The researchers, whose

findings are published in the New England Journal of Medicine, say the extra hazard is similar to that of driving after drinking with a blood alcohol level at the legal limit. Other studies have shown that telephone c reduce reaction times by half a second or more. Steering was also made more imprecise.

A spokesman for Cellnet. one of Britain's big mobile phone network providers, said fewer than one million of the 6.9 million mobile phone users in Britain had units in their cars. "We advise people to invest in a hands-free car kit because they can then carry on a conversation over the phone as they would with a passenger. We don't draw a distinction between the two."

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## Tip-off gave 4 names for murder of black student

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

POLICE received an anonymous tip-off naming four white youths for the murder of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence within 48 hours of his stabbing, it emerged

yesterday.

Detective Chief Inspector John Carnt, who took charge of the investigation two years after it happened, told the resumed inquest at Southwark Coroner's Court that officers were told by telephone that they would find a knife in

a bin in a pub car park.

"An officer searched the bin but found nothing." Mr Carnt said. "But upon his return he found a letter which had been attached to the rear windscreen of his car. It was an anonymous note."

The coroner, Sir Montague Levine, ordered that the four names, which were given to the jury, could not be published. Police held back for another day before visiting the suspects' addresses on the grounds that it was only anonymous information.

Nothing came of the information, though the four names were frequently put forward by other people in the area in the following days. The disclosure came as police were accused by Michael Mansfield, QC, counsel for the Lawrence family, of launching a murder inquiry "remiss in the extreme".

Detective Inspector Philip Jeynes admitted to Mr Mansfield that he had failed to make use of local police intelligence sources that might have quickly identified the killers. Intelligence collated at Plumstead police station, on individuals capable of unprovoked racist attacks, was locked away in an . office and unavailable at

He said he did not know that there were families under investigation for racial attacks in the area where Stephen's unsolved murder was commit-ted in 1993. Two specialist officers who dealt in racial harassment in the area - in

committed in the previous two years - were not on duty and were not contacted.

He could not recall asking any other officer to make inquiries in the road in Eltham, southeast London, along which the gang of youths allegedly fled.

He declined to accept that if it had been a police officer who had been killed, he would have sought immediate intelligence from Scotland Yard. Asked by Mr Mansfield if he had contacted Scotland Yard. Mr Jeynes said: "I had other things to do."

Mr Mansfield: "I suggest that was remiss in the extreme in not getting information that night." The officer replied:

That is your opinion, sir."

Mr Mansfield put it to him that what he should have done after obtaining local intelligence was to have visited families who were under investigation for racial attacks. The officer said: "That was a possibility."

He accepted that no house. nor group, nor individual had been put under surveillance.

Earlier a white man, known only as B for security reasons. told the inquest jury that he had a fleeting glimpse from the top of a double-decker bus of four white youths running away shortly after the murder. B, who initially lied to police because he feared recriminations, said that more than six months after the stabbing he contacted detectives to tell them the truth.

He said he thought he recognised Jamie Acourt and David Norris, who he knew, but accepted that the first of the two men might have been Mr Acourt's elder brother, Neil Neil Acourt, 21, Luke Knight, 20, and Gary Dobson, 21, were acquitted of murder at the Old Bailey last April when it was ruled that identification evidence from Mr Brooks was unsafe. Charges against Jamie Acourt, 19, and David Norris. 20, were dropped at committal proceedings.



Search for meaning: a visitor examines the finished work on the Chisenhale Gallery floor. It will be washed away after the exhibition

## The art gallery with ants in its paints

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AN ABSTRACT work of art created by ants during a walk sponsored by the taxpayer was unveiled yesterday on the floor of a London gallery. It was meant to symbolise social controls in society but the miniature artists could not

They had spent six days being followed by a Japanese artist, crouched on all fours, who marked their squiggly routes on an area of 8 square metres. A video recorded the creative process.

Yukinori Yanagi flew from New York to create Wandering Position. Reactions from visitors to the Chisenhale Gallery in east London were mixed. Two girls had found it almost impossible to contain their laughter inside and lelt a sense of release as they emerged giggling into the real world. Victoria Roland, from Ar-

entina, said: "It was difficult to keep a straight face. I don't know the meaning. I suppose it's hard work to follow an ant. The only thing to say

Portrait of the artist at work: an ant has its route tracked by Yukinori Yanagi

about it is the artist's patience. Maybe because he's Oriental he has a lot of peace." Ron Pike, a London cab

driver, was more forceful: "What a great waste of money. Completely pointless. Who writes the cheques for their grants? Some of these artists have a laugh at our expense. A bit crazy or what?"

However, a woman art lover, who asked not to be could never have made this happen without it being laboured."

Describing the creation as a work of beauty, she won-dered whether any of the ants were aware of being pursued:
"How aware is it of this thing behind it? I suppose he's got used to it, and thinks 'stupid

Mr Yanagi worked with about half a dozen ants, using

with a piece of crimson chalk. The common yellow meadow ants — like those found in any hack garden — remain in three plastic containers and may be rewarded with a

release into the community. Mr Yanagi, 37, said he had expected the work to take much longer. He had worked for up to eight hours a day, sometimes late into the night. The ants were on more flexible shifts lasting just a few

ozone layer' High-flying aircraft, such as Concorde and those on longhaul flights, may be causing

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far more damage to the Earth's ozone layer than had been thought. Scientists have found that exhaust fumes from aircraft at high altitudes produce sulphur trioxide. Under certain conditions it can act as magnet, accelerating the destruction of ozone by man-made pollutants such as aerosols, fire retardants and other chlorofluorocarbons.

#### Death arrest

A 59-year-old man has been arrested in connection with James Ward, who was found with severe head injuries behind a block of flats on the Castlemilk estate. Glasgow. on Tuesday. The man is due to appear in court today.

#### Murder charge

A French national appeared in court yesterday charged with attempting to murder Father Edward Carroll, 63, a Catholic priest, who is critically ill after being stabbed in the back at his church in Holloway, north London, Nicholas Top, 27, was remanded in custody.

#### School stalker

suffered for art's sake was relieved, he said, by concen-

There were occasionally

frustrations. "All the time,

they were going down the cracks. I had to wait for them

to get out. Sometimes, they

stopped moving Basically, they never stopped. They are

almost like a machine, not

like a human being." Some-

times they earned themselves a piece of cookie, "but if you

gave too much, it's a small

animal and would slow

Judith Nesbitt, director of

the Chisenhale - whose an-

nual public funding includes

£63.500 from the London Arts

Board and £9.744 from Tower

Hamlets - said that her fears

that ants were sleepy at this

time of year were unfounded.

She ensured that the gallery

was specially heated to keep

them happy while they were working. "We expect artists to be cold, but not ants."

The art work will be

washed away after the exhibi-

tion ends on March 23, but

the video will remain as

down"

trating on the intricate job.

A stalker has grabbed at a young girl and followed at least five others in Hull over the past two weeks. The 12-year-old girl fought off the man, who disguises himself with sunglasses and a scarf. near a school on the Bransholme estate.

#### Order of merit

Jackie Mudd, 51, is the toast of the Middleton Arms in Leeds, where she has worked as a barmaid for four years, after receiving a best barmaid award from the brewers Tetley for being able to remember the names and usual drinks of 1,500 regulars.

#### The great escape

A ferret that escaped from a garden hutch in Retford, Nottinghamshire, has been found a fortnight later and 20 miles away at Swallownest, near Rotherham, having cross dozens of main made a canal and two motorways. It is now in a

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Prices at £6,000 a bottle as millionaire composer clears out wine cellar 'good enough for Bacchus'

# LLoyd Webber's £2m show stoppers



Lloyd Webber: passion

By Alan Hamilton

THE latest show for Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber began to reveal its list of star names yesterday after decades in creation. This time the composer has not written a bar. He is auctioning his wine cellar.

Sir Andrew, ennobled in the New Year Honours, is the owner of no ordinary cellar. Sotheby's, which will conduct the £2 million sale, said that it comprised 18,000 bottles of the world's most desirable vintages. The 48-year-old king of the musical has been interested in wine since teenage years. He has not turned teetotal, nor is he in

need of realising his assets. He simply has too many wines — enough for five lifetimes, according to the auction house. He will keep back more than enough to toast his successes.

Serena Sutcliffe, head of Sotheby's International wine department, said: "I have never seen such a galactic collection. If Bacchus had a cellar, this would be it. In terms of quality, choice and quantity, it represents the wine lover's dream. Virtually every bottle falls into the category of the world's most desirable wine."

The collection, essentially French, is kept at Sydmonton Court, his Berkshire home, and in the south of France.

Among items he has decided to part with are champagnes from Krug. Dom Perignon and Bollinger, ten cases of Chateau Latour 1982, 24 cases of Margaux 1982, 10 bottles of 1945 Chareau Lafite, and six extremely rare bottles of Margaux dating from 1900. The pre-sale estimate for the last-mentioned is £6,000 per bottle.

Miss Sutcliffe said: "He is equally passionate about both Bordeaux and Burgundy. Wines which are luscious and opulent hold particular appeal to him, such as those from the fabled

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti.

"His cellar comprises the best of Rondeaux with the full range of ton

Classified Growths, from the First downwards." The sale also includes superb Rhone, top vintage port, Alsace and renowned Australian Grange

Sir Andrew has done much unloading of his fortune recently. He has put his six-bedroomed London townhouse in Eaton Square on the market at £15 million, and earlier this week donated a Bentley car to a fundraising auction at the Conservative Party winter ball.

But at the same time, he has decided to postpone the Broadway launch of his new 66 million musical, Whistle Down The Wind.



Crates of greats: cellar had enough wine for five lives

## How a young stranger developed a taste for seductive vintages of success

BY JANE MACQUITTY

WHEN a hirsute Andrew Lloyd Webber first ventured into wine sales at Christie's, he was an unlikely looking buyer in his early twenties. Michael Broadbent, the head of wine department, ignored all his paper-waving attempts to bid because he doubted his company would receive the money.

The newcomer introduced him-

oped a close friendship that lasted almost three decades. Many of the composer's purchases were made at Christie's. His selection of Sotheby's to sell his collection has triggered a brouhaha in the cutthroat auction business.

Christie's, where Mr Broadbent has retired, is the traditional outlet for fine wines and the company is "sore and surprised". Paul Bowker, the current head of its

wine department, said ruefully yesterday: "This is not something we fought for and lost. We were simply never offered it."

Sotheby's says that it will be the greatest single wine collection ever at auction, although in June 1994 Christie's handled the sale of the private cellar of the wine collector Remington Norman. That fetched £1.5 million then and would easily top £3 million today. Sir Andrew's collection is full of a rich man's

fancies with all the obvious classic chateaux and vintages included. There is little evidence of any exercise of personal judgment or connoisseurship. This is an investor's collection of labels, rather than a drinker's collection of favourite bottles. Wines were bought on Sir Andrew's behalf, principally by his adviser and friend. David Mason of the art dealers MacConnal-Mason.

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A list of 21 wines disclosed by the

auction house yesterday suggests there are not going to be any bargains. The lowest estimate in the list is for Chateau Climens 1949, a Barsac, at £100 a bottle. The highest is for Chateau Latour a Pomerol at £20,000 a case. The cellar also includes rarities such as magnums of Chateau Petrus 1947, Chateau Lafite, 1945, Chateau Margaux 1900 and Chateau Cheval Blanc. 1947.

Likely buyers will be traditional-

ists who have an insatiable thirst for classics. The great 1947 Chateau Cheval Blanc is a good example of Sir Andrew's palate, a top drawer St Emilion from Bordeaux's right bank and the star of this vintage. The 1982 Cheval Blanc is in the same league, a great vintage to to be open vinegar. Sir Andrew's palate, a top drawer St Emilion from Bordeaux's right bank and the star of this vintage to to be open vinegar.

wine from a great year its perfurned, seductive cabernet franc dominated fruit, well to the fore. The 1900 Chateau Margaux is

vintage but all any drinker is likely to be opening up is costly red wine

Sir Andrew is clearly impressed by overtly luscious and opulent wines, which explains the presence of 1947 Latour à Pomerol. a great claret year but not in this case the wine of the vintage. That title goes

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## Hawking loses black hole bet 'on technicality'

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

PROFESSOR Stephen Hawking has paid up on a bet he made six years ago with two fellow physicists. He bet Dr John Preskill and Dr Kip Thorne of California Institute of Technology that "naked singularities" — exotic objects believed to lurk in the centre of black holes — could not exist.

black holes — could not exist.
On a visit to Caltech from
Cambridge University last
week, Professor Hawking conceded defeat. No money
changed hands, he said, but
he did present the two winners
with a T-shirt reading "Nature
Abhors A Naked Singularity".

Abhors A Naked Singularity".
"I wasn't careful enough about the wording," Professor Hawking admitted yesterday, I and I lost on a technicality. I paid with a T-shirt which they didn't dare wear because it

wasn't politically correct."

A singularity is a point at which the normal rules of physics cease to function. At a singularity, space and time are infinitely distorted, matter is infinitely dense and the effects of gravity are governed by the laws of quantum physics. Singularities are believed to exist in the centre of black holes, where they cannot be seen because they hide behind the black hole's "event horizon"—the point beyond which nothing can be seen because gravity becomes so strong that it prevents anything, even light, from escaping. A naked singularity would be without its black hole covering and

therefore visible.

Dr Preskill and Dr Thorne won the bet on the strength of supercomputer calculations

## Skylark is still flying high after 40 years

By Nigel Hawkes

BRITAIN'S Skylark rocket is celebrating its fortieth birthday today. Although no match for Saturn V, which took astronauts to the Moon. Skylark has proved longer-lived. It has completed 432 launches with a 99 per cent success rate, sending small payloads to the edge of space. Skylark's first flight was on February 13, 1957, at Woomera in the Australian desert. That was eight months before the Russians launched Sputnik as the first man-made object to orbit the Earth.

Forty years on, Skylark is designed and built at Filton, Bristol. by Matra Marconi Space, successor company to the space systems division of British Aerospace. It has an impressive record of launches in eight countries, including early trials at Aberporth. Dyfed. Each flight now carries an average of ten on-board experiments, mostly for the European

Space Agency.

Scientists view the solidfuel Skylark as an effective
and affordable platform for a
wide variety of space experiments. It is routinely used for
projects involving microgravity and as a test-bed for
future satellite missions.

On-board experiments
have included crystal growth.



Hawking: paid up over "naked singularities"

by Dr Matthew Choptuik of the University of Texas in Austin. He concluded that there could be special circumsingularity might be created from a collapsing black hole. The chance of that happening would be comparable to standing a pencil upright on its sharpened tip — improbable, yet theoretically possible. Astronomers using the Hubble space telescope say new evidence of a huge black hole at the heart of a nearby galaxy, Messier 32, makes it more likely that the mysterious objects are a common feature of the universe.

□ Nasa scientists will present new evidence next month at a conference in Houston, Texas, that life evolved on Mars. They have found thin films of material on samples from a meteorite believed to have originated on Mars similar to "biofilms" made by bacteria on Earth.



Skylark launching at the Aberporth range

biochemical reactions, atmospheric testing and remotesensing projects. Each launch programme can cost about £2 million and provide between six and twenty minutes of very low gravity for



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# Lawrence's university forgives its son and lover

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

D. H. LAWRENCE has finally been welcomed back into the university which disowned its most famous student after he eloped with his professor's wife.

An extensive archive of manuscripts, rare editions and letters, acknowledged to be the world's finest private collection of Lawrence material, has been bequeathed to Nottingham University. The collection, numbering 1,400 items and thought to be worth £1.5 million, was built up by George Lazarus, a gold-share deal-er who made a fortune in the family firm, Lazarus Brothers.

His gift completes the reconciliation between the author and the city he famously dismissed as "that dismal town". It is now certain to become one of the world's leading centres for Lawrence studies.

Among the collection are previ-ously unpublished letters which disclose that Nottingham's prodi-gal son was coy even with his family about the contents of his most notorious novel. Lady Chatterley's Lover. In 1928 he tried to steer his sister Emily away from reading the copy he felt duty-bound to send her from his home in Italy. "I would not bother to read it, you will find it rather heavy," he wrote, adding that if she left it with the pages uncut "it would be more valuable".

His words proved prophetic.



from 1906-08. He arranged to meet

Lawrence's popularity, together with the auction-room price of first editions, soared after the sensational obscenity trial over Lady Chatterley's Lover 30 years after his death. Although scholars believe Emily took his advice, her ghter split the pages and read

Many of the letters in the

collection were written after Lawrence's death by Frieda Weekley. née von Richthofen, the "strikingly beautiful German who became his wife in 1914.

Lawrence decided to leave for Germany in 1912 after quitting teaching, the career he had pre-University College, Nottingham, his former tutor, Ernest Weekley, professor of modern languages. who was to provide him with contacts on the Continent. But Lawrence began a scandalous liaison with the professor's wife that rocked the college. He was for years a persona non

grata among Nottingham aca-

demics who stayed fiercely loyal to Weekley. In return, Lawrence was none too complimentary about the university. In the poem Nottingham's New University, he wrote disparagingly of the project for a seat of learning funded by the millionaire founder of Boots, the

deciding to quit the country. He wrote: "Curse the blasted, jellyboned swines, the slimy, the bellywriggling invertebrates, the miserable sodding rotters, the flaming sods, the snivelling, dribbling, dithering pulse-less lot that make up England today."

Frieda's letters document her battle with Lawrence's brother.

George, for possession of his entire estate, rather than a half share.

She won in 1932. John Worthen, professor of Law rence studies and head of the English department at Nottingham, said the highlight of the archive was the manuscript for The White Peacock, the author's first novel. Drafted while he was an undergraduate, 629 of the 798 pages are in Lawrence's hand. Professor Worthen said: "This is

the real gem because all the other manuscripts of his novels are in America, so we are extremely pleased to have it here." Include is a rare copy of at least

one novel on blue paper. Lawrence, forced to publish in Italy by his prosecution for obscenity over The Rainbow in 1915, had the first two copies of every work published in this way, one for himself, the other for Frieda.

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college,/they've built a new

university/for a new dispensation

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Sir Jesse Boot.

Professor Worthen added: "The George Lazarus collection is on a magnificent scale and utterly transforms the research value of our holdings. It is particularly appropriate that these materials are now in Nottingham.

## WH Smith swaps porn magazines for sandwiches

By Damian Whitworth

W. H. SMITH is to stop selling pornographic magazines in its high street branches. Britain's biggest chain of newsagents is to remove the four soft-porn titles that it stocks in the 450 stores. Playboy, Mayfair, Penthouse and For Women will continue to be available in the company's 100 airport and station shops and by special order.

Anti-pornography campaigners claimed a victory, but the company said that the decision was based on sales rather than morals. Betterselling magazines will take the place of the four publications. The change was announced the chain will sell sandwiches and snacks for a trial period in

W. H. Smith said yesterday that it regularly deleted magazines from its list to keep the total number of stocked publications to about 1,500. The number of soft-porn titles available in the shops has gradually declined. The remaining four are among 269 periodicals to be removed from the shelves. New publications are com-

ing out all the time and every so often we have a review and take some out," a spokeswornan said. "If it was in response to campaigners we would have removed them from all our stores but the magazines will still be available for order and at our airport and station sell well and where there is much higher male traffic."

The Campaign Against Por-nography, whose members have removed magazines from stores and chained themselves to shelves, said: "We feel it is a great triumph. We believe the magazines are not selling because men are now embarrassed to go into high street stores for them."

But a spokeswoman for the pornography: Smith is the biggest distributor of pornography through local newsagents, so we have a lot of work to do."

Carl Snitcher, chief executive of Paul Raymond Organ-isation, publisher of Mayfair, said: This decision had been coming for some time because to be frank, the proportion of our sales in W. H. Smith's high street stores has been dropping for years. It could be because Smith's is seen as general retail store more than a newsagent's these days."



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## backtrack on bonus for elderly

By POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Liberal Democrats denied having a commit-ment to increasing Christmas bonuses for pensioners yesterday after their social security spokeswoman announced that it was party policy.

Liz Lynne said: "The miserly £10 Christmas bonus is an insult which we want to redress by paying a double pension in the first week of December." She said the cost would be £580 million.

But party officials were quick to point out that bonus increase was a "long-term aim", not a commitment for the next Parliament, and would cost only £440 million.
One said: "It is policy to do this, but when it comes to the manifesto policy will have to be prioritised very

ruthlessly."
The confusion overshadowed the launch of the party's Fair Deal for Older People programme.

☐ A Labour government would establish low-cost "stakeholder pension' schemes, run by financial services companies in partnership with organunions, Harriet Harman, Labour's social security

# Lib Dems Howard and Straw accused of rushing new bugging law

BY JAMES LANDALE AND POLLY NEWTON

MICHAEL HOWARD and Jack Straw were accused yesterday of rushing the Govern-ment's new police bugging laws through Parliament in an authoritarian manner.

Backbenchers on all sides of the House said that the Police Bill raised such grave constitutional matters that its detailed committee stage should be considered by all MPs on the floor of the Commons. They told the Home Secretary and his Labour counterpart that a small committee comprising a handful of MPs could not adedquately scrut-

inise such an important Bill. The Bill, which came up for its second reading in the Commons yesterday, will allow the police to bug private property in the fight against serious crime.

However, the measure suffered several defeats in the House of Lords when Labour and many crossbench peers voiced concerns at the civil liberties implications of police being able to bug without prior judicial approval. Under the original draft of the Bill, any decisions to mount an intrusive surveillance operation would have been re-

viewed retrospectively. Mr Howard was forced to make several concessions, accepting that a senior judge.

known as a commissioner, to tackle major drug traffickmust give prior approval before the police bug private homes, offices, hotel bedrooms and doctors, lawyers and journalists, except in urgent cases. However, Nicholas Budgen

(C, Wolverhampton South West) said that many MPs still had deep concerns about how this prior approval would be given. "Would it not be better to have a debate on the floor of the House rather than have the suspicion that this is being bashed through in a rather authoritarian way?"

He was backed by Richard Shepherd (C, Aldridge Brownhills), who insisted that constitutional matters were traditionally discussed in a committee of all MPs. Both the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists. and David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, also voiced their support for dealing with the Bill on the floor of

But Mr Howard brushed aside the demands, saying that MPs would have ample chance to debate the Bill in detail during its report stage. He insisted that no consitutional issues were at

stake because chief constables had authorised bugging operations for many years with "responsibility and restraint"

ers, kidnappers, terrorists and major fraudsters. The Bill was simply puring this power on a statutory footing.

Mr Howard said: "This is an important Bill. It will make life very much harder for major criminals. That's what the public wants to see; that's what the whole House wants to see; that's what this Bill

Mr Straw said that serious crime was on the increase and the police should be given tougher powers to combat it. "I wish for the world of Dixon of Dock Green but, if that world ever existed, it has for sure now been and gone."

He said that the police should be given powers to bug private property in pursuit of serious crime, but added: "There is always the potential for such powers to be abused. Effective control checks must be in place to ensure that this does not happen."
As a result of Mr Howard's

concessions, the Bill now has Labour's full support and is likely to become law before the general election. However, the Liberal Dem-

ocrats oppose it because they believe that prior authorisa-tion should be given by a circuit judge, rather than a that Mr Howard could give commissioner. Alan Beith, the assurances on behalf of every



There should be a much

stricter definition of the cir-

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party's home affairs spokespolice force that a code of practice would be observed.

man, said he could not support the agreement struck by Labour and the Tories to ensure that the Bill would receive a second reading. The

deal will not do," he said. Mr Beith did not believe without prior authorisation.

Mr Budgen said it was vital that the Bill undergo further House because Labour had

not opposed it properly. "Labour have become more authoritarian than the Tories. If the Tories are in favour of kicking a beggar once, Labour is in favour of kicking a beggar twice. The official

## Howarth in line for Welsh seat

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour MP for Newport East, Roy Hughes, announced yesterday that is standing down, prompting a flurry of speculation about whether the Tory defector Alan Howarth would replace him.

Mr Howarth is still looking for a seat to fight at the general election. Mr Hughes, 71, has been MP for Newport since 1996 and has a majority of

Labour's national by-election panel will either impose a shortlist for Newport East, as there is no time for the full selection to take place, or will wait until the general election is called, after which the selection procedure can be bypassed and a candidate imposed.

The by-election panel meets on Monday to draw up a shortlist for Don Valley, the seat vacated by the death of Martin Redmond last month. But it will also discuss whether to draw up a shortlist for Newport East and whether Mr Howarth, or Bryan Davies, who is higher education spokesman and the only frontbencher still without a seat, should be on it.

Mr Davies, whose Oldham Central and Royton seat disappears under boundary changes, is far more popular within the party but if Mr Howarth, MP for Stratford upon Avon, does not find a seat, it will be highly embarrassing for Tony Blair.

One possibility is that Derek Foster, former Chief Whip and now the Shadow Public Service Minister, might step down to allow Mr Blair to impose Mr Howarth as the candidate for his Bishop Auckland seat. Mr Foster has been promised a Cabinet post but Mr Blair could send him to the Lords and still honour the

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## Tories' economic argument is falling on deaf ears

The Tories are having the better of the pre-election argument over the economy, but it may not do them much good electorally. This is not just a matter of statistics - the rise in living standards, the further sharp fall in unemployment and the relatively low level of inflation (despite the differences over interest rate policy between Kenneth Clarke and the Bank of England which I discussed yesterday). The Tories are right about the conditions needed to create and sustain competitiveness. but this is an elusive concept for most voters. I haven't heard many people talking about "the enterprise centre of Europe" recently, even in Conservative Central Office.

Britain is well placed by comparison with the rest of Europe on labour market reform, de-regulation and non-wage costs. William Waldegrave made a strong case in a speech to the Social Market Foundation (SMF) on Monday that the more flexible Anglo-Saxon ap-proach to the labour market is better for creating jobs and reducing unemployment than the less flexible European social model.

Yet claims by ministers that the rest of Europe is moving slowly in our direction on labour market reform undermines some of the chapter. If other of the social countries no longer favour the

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ments on business advocated in the past, then the social chapter looks more of a paper tiger.

Both parties are trying to have the best of both worlds on the social chapter: the Tories by treating it as a dangerous iceberg, and Labour by presenting it as a non-threatening symbol of decency. But signing up to the social chapter would remove Britain's power of choice since decisions would be taken by qualirelying heavily on the good intentions of other countries.

globalisation. He listens to business, as he showed in his response to the thoughtful recent book from the Institute of Public Policy Reseach. Mr Blair is the friend of the multinationals. Microsoft has reolaced, or at least complemented. Methodism in Labour's pantheon. But is Labour willing to do what is necessary to secure competitiveness? This is much broader than just the social chapter and embraces deregulation and privatisation which Mr Clarke on Tuesday Europe, and is rising only slowly: described as a limius test of and the British Social Attitudes whether you seriously support-free survey has found "no evidence of

My hunch is that most voters probably accept the case for freer

the event anyway). What concerns them is the uncertainty and insecurity created by globalisation. Labour has been making much of this. Indeed as unemployment has fallen, insecurity has become the club to beat the Government. But as a new SMF research paper from David Smith has shown, insecurity is much exaggerated in practice. Average job tenure has not fallen dramatically: temporary work is much less in Britain than in much of the reported phenomenon may be linked with the service industry re-

Nevertheless, the Tories have so far failed to articulate the link between competitiveness and personal security. Talking about Asian tigers convinces few voters. The Tory message that economic efficiency creates social cohesion sounds abtract and arid. The Labour alternative that social cohesion is a precondition for economic success sounds more appealing. Labour has strong arguments on the need to do more to address long-term unemployment, to improve skills and the

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## Ministers face defeat on crime Bill

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By Frances GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

THE Government is braced for a defeat today when the Lord Chief Justice leads an allparty alliance of peers against Michael Howard's plans for

predecessor, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, are expected to join with peers in backing a move to restore judges' sentencing discretion under the Crime (Sentences) Bill.

At defeat will put the future of the Bill in doubt because of the shortage of time left before

to return to the Commons, go back to the Lords then return to the Commons before be-

The Bill proposes automatic life sentences for repeat serious sexual and violent offenders. a seven-vear minimum sentence for persistent dealing

minimum sentences for persistent burglars.

Today peers will vote on two amendments that would enoffence and the offender, and to vary a minimum sentence if they consider it to be "unjust".

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Triumphal art of France's history cossetted in concealed splendour at Palace of Versailles

## French demand to see hidden riches of Citizen King

From Ben Macintyre in paris

BEHIND the gilded and locked doors of Louis XIV's palace at Versailles lies a huge, splendid and embarrassing "secret" - \$,000 paintings and 2,000 statues, one of Europe's greatest art collec-tions, have remained closed to the public for nearly two decades through lack of funds.

More than three million tourists visit Versailles every year to marvel at the celebrated Hall of Mirrors and the sumptuous royal rooms, but what they cannot see is the "Museum of the History of France", the array of artworks assembled in the 19th century by Louis-Philippe, France's "Citizen King", and arranged in 125 closed galleries.

The collection, which includes works by Delacroix. David and Vigée Lebrun, is closed because the State claims it cannot afford the 200 additional security guards needed. Now a campaign, led by Le Figaro, has been launched to force the Government to reopen the museum. The largest history museum in the world is to be found at Versailles," the newspaper de-clared. "Yet it is forbidden to the public.'

The fabulous Hall of Battles, lined with paintings cele-

hospital worker.

neglecting security.

brating French feats of arms from 496 to 1809, has occasion-

ally been open to the public. but the other galleries devoted to important episodes in French history are permanent-ly closed. As critics have pointed out, the State spends millions every year heating the 125 rooms, polishing the gleaming parquet floors and maintaining the paintings, to be admired only by a skeleton



Louis-Philippe: spent

Pretoria links officer

Johannesburg: An investigation was ordered last night to

find out if firearms, used by prisoners in a siege at a South African jail in which five people were held hostage for 40 hours, were supplied by a warder (Ray Kennedy writes).

Officials of the Department of Correctional Services said that the involvement of a warder in the siege at the maximum security wing of St Alban's prison in Port Elizabeth could not

be ruled out. A task force which was sent from Pretoria stormed the block shortly after 3am yesterday and freed the

hostages, two warders, two electricians and a woman prison

Athens: Hundreds of tourists found the Acropolis barred by

locked gates as guards joined other Culture Ministry

employees striking for higher pay (John Carr writes).

Greece's national archaeological museum stayed open, but

most outdoor archaeological sites were shut, disrupting

classical coach tours. All such tours feature a climb to the

Acropolis, which has been closed by strikes several times in

recent years. The employees' union said that museum guards were poorly paid and accused the Government of

El Loco to fight on in exile

Abdala Bucarám, the Ecuadorean President who was sacked

by Congress on the ground of "mental incapacity" last week, left the country yesterday in a private jet, saying that he would launch a "campaign in exile" to regain power (Gabriella Gamini writes). "My country has been taken over by a dictatorship," said Señor Bucarám, self-styled El Loco (the madman). Meanwhile, Fabián Alarcón, the former

congressional Speaker, was sworn in as interim President, pledging to restore Ecuador's dignity and respect.

Frectown: Sierra Leone police opened fire in the capital to

quell a riot by hundreds of youths who stormed the main post

office, accusing officials of dumping American visa applications in the sea. Red Cross workers said eight people received bullet wounds. Post office officials denied destroying the visa

applications, which were part of an annual lottery organised

by the United States to give a limited number of would-be migrants a work permit (Reuter)

Tax fraud charges dropped Mexico City: An appeal court judge has ordered prosecutors

to drop tax evasion charges against a brother of Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the former President, for lack of evidence.

Raul Salinas has been in a maximum security jail since

February 1995, awaiting trial on charges of tax fraud and

illicit enrichment. He is also accused of masterminding the

Swiss set up Holocaust fund

Berne: The Swiss Government agreed yesterday to create

immediately a fund to help victims of the Holocaust, Flavio

Cotti, the Foreign Minister, said. The Cabinet was still

considering Jewish groups' demands for compensation for

what they allege was Swiss profiteering from the Second

Women 'not legal currency'

Port Moresby: The use of women as compensation payments

by Papua New Guinea tribes must be dropped, a judge said. He ruled against a tribe which gave Miriam Willingal, 18, a

second woman, money and pigs to a tribe as compensation

for an incident in which a man was shot dead. (Reuter)

1994 murder of a former brother-in-law. (AP)

Riot over work permits

Strike closes Acropolis

to prison gun siege

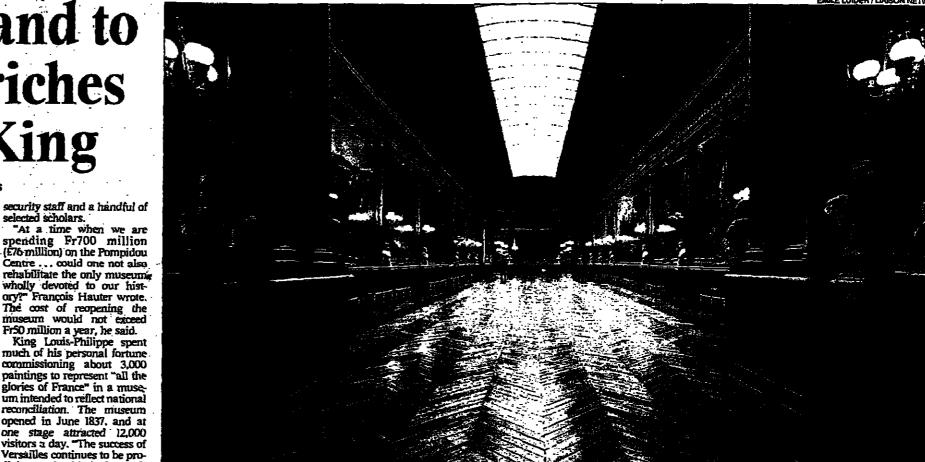
security staff and a handful of selected scholars. "At a time when we are

spending Fr700 million (£76 million) on the Pompidou museum would not exceed

binding that is Versailles. tionary mob marched to ex-

Centre . . . could one not also rehabilitate the only museum; wholly devoted to our hist-ory? François Hauter wrote. The cost of reopening the Fr50 million a year, he said. King Louis-Philippe spent much of his personal fortune.

paintings to represent "all the glories of France" in a museum intended to reflect national reconciliation. The museum opened in June 1837, and at one stage attracted 12,000 visitors a day. "The success of Versailles continues to be prodigious," the king observed. "it is not only Parisians who go ... but also peasants." The king was deposed in 1848 and by the end of the last century the museum was firmly out of fashion. Its doors were last opened to the public in 1978, but then immediately closed again when Breton nationalists detonated a bomb. The galleries, hailed by Victor Hugo as "this magnificent book which is the history of France within the magnificent



Kept but rarely seen: the Hall of Battles, dedicated to celebrating French military success, opens occasionally while other galleries stay shut

directors of Versailles are now

considering a plan to reopen

have been under lock and key

The dispute over the museum's future has taken on political overtones. Built as the Sun King's fortress, a stunning visual expression of absolute monarchy where Louis XIV installed his court in 1682, Versailles has always been a focus of popular protest. It was to Versailles that the revolu-

alienated from what is seen as an elitist and distant Government. "Would this Greater Versailles not allow the French

people to view their future with more serenity, by redis-

tract the doomed Louis XVI.

The discovery that a museum

intended for the people is off-

limits to all but a few has

struck a chord when many

French voters are increasing

covering their communal the Hall of Battles, as well as galleries devoted to the 17th past?" wondered M Hauter. Art experts agree that the and 18th centuries. Louis-Philippe wanted an collection is eclectic, ranging from acknowleged masterecumenical museum. This

pieces to some low-grade commissioned works, but most agree it provides a unique of the Versailles administrahistorical testament that detion, said last week. serves a wider audience. Under mounting pressure, the been dropping in recent years,

idea must not be forgotten." thus allowing the Governmen Hubert Austier, the president to claim credit for historica sensitivity. Versailles may be facing the sort of economic Tourism to Versailles has considerations that never trouhled Louis XIV, but it has lost none of its political and sym and a massive administrative overhaul is under way to rebalic power.

establish the château as a ker

national attraction. The cam

paigners predict that the Cul-

ture Ministry will soon agree

to pay for the extra guards,

FROM ROBIN LODGE

ASLAN MASKHADOV, the newly elected President of Chechnya, formally took office at an inauguration ceremony in Grozny yesterday and pledged to make the breakaway republic's independence a reality after nearly two years. of war with Moscow

Russian television carried pictures of the ceremony showing the commander, 45, who had swapped his custom-

With his right hand placed on a copy of the Koran, Mr Maskhadov swore to defend the constitution, laws and freedom of the Chechen state. Now it is the duty of each and every one of us to realise the expectations of our ancestors, our heroes fallen in the holy war, of the right to live freely and independently," he is reported to have told a hall packed with military and political figures, religious leaders and relatives of fighters who were killed.

The ceremony was attended by Ivan Rybkin, the Secretary of the Russian Security Council, representing President Yeltsin General Aleksandr Lebed, who as Mr Rybkin's predecessor led the Russian side during last year's peace

negotiations, was also there. Russia has threatened to break diplomatic ties with any country recognising an inde-pendent Chechnya. So far none has. Representatives from Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine were prevented from



## Chechnya **President** pledges

taking the oath of office.

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ary fatigues for a dark suit.



## Child clothes link to Dutroux

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS

World War. (Reuter)

INVESTIGATORS into Belgium's child rape and murder scandal have found items that they believe belonged to eight missing children in searches of houses linked to chief suspect Marc Dutroux, a

gendarmerie spokeswoman confirmed yesterday. gators had recovered nearly 4,500 items of clothing, toys

to Dutroux, a convicted child rapist, around the central city of Charleroi. They had also collected 20,000 hairs.

Dutroux, who has admitted murdering Bernard Wein-stein, a former accomplice. has also been charged with the murder of two girls as well as onfirmed yesterday. kidnapping, paedophile sex, Media reports said investi- rape and illegal imprisonment. A source close to the

and jewellery during their items of clothing had been searches of houses connected tentatively identified, using a new technique, as having been worn by the eight children on the days that they disappeared. The identification involves cross-matching types, colours, sizes and, where possible, labels with the descriptions given by the parents.

If the tests are positively confirmed, it will be the first time a direct link has been established between Dutroux investigation said that the and other missing children.

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There's a great deal going on

# Gaullists panic as Front calls for immigrant tax

THE bitter race relations row n France deepened yesterday with the far Right calling for a ax on companies employing oreign workers and a denand by film directors for a rebellion against stringent

anti-immigration laws.
Bruno Megret, the deputy leader of the far-right Nat-ional Front whose wife was elected Mayor of the southern own of Vitrolles last weekend. said his party aimed to force the repatriation of Arabs. Asians and Africans by loading taxes on companies that mploy immigrants.

The Front wanted to send foreigners "back to where they came from ... not because we hate them, but because they pollute the national identity and take our jobs". M Megret. the man widely seen as heir-apparent to Jean-Marie Le Pen, the party leader, told The New York Times.

"When we have power, we will organise their return. We will stop renewing their resience cards, and we will force companies to pay a tax on foreign workers that will eventually lead to foreigners losing their positions," he said. At the opposite end of the

political spectrum, a group of top film-makers, including the award-winning directors. Ber-trand Tavernier and Matthieu Kassowitz, defied existing leg-islation that requires French citizens to report the arrival and departure of foreigners without residency permits who stay in their homes. Critics say the law is reminis-

MALEA À UN ETRANGER

cent of Vichy legislation, requiring people to report on each other.

In a statement published in Le Monde, the 59 directors challenged the Government to prosecute them for breaking the law and urged their fellow-citizens to ignore "this inhu-

man legislation ... we are guilty, every one of us, of putting up illegal foreign residents ... we ask to be investigated and put on trial", the Le Canard Enchainé, the

satirical weekly, yesterday tampooned the anti-immigration law with a cartoon depicting "The France of To-morrow". "Hello, I would like authorisation to speak to a foreigner," a man asks a stamp-wielding government bureaucrat. "How many phrases?" comes the reply. The decisive Front victory in

Vitrolles, which gave the farright party control over a fourth southern town, has severely embarrassed the mainstream parties while adding fuel to the blazing

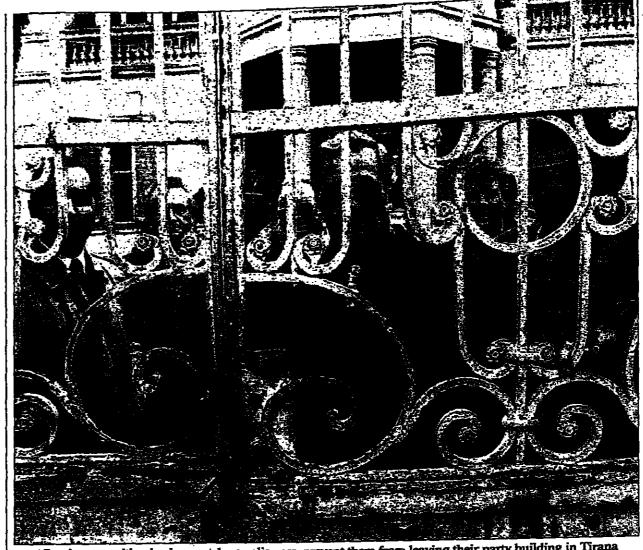
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cy. Faced with the growing strength of the Front, the centre-right Government has recently clamped down on immigration, and a Bill outlining even tougher legislation is now under debate in the National Assembly. A survey commissioned by

the Government this week showed that the Front could through to the second round in as many as 200 of France's 577 constituencies in next year's parliamentary election.

Faced by the mounting threat from the far Right. allies of Charles Pasqua, the former Interior Minister, are considering the launch of a new political movement which they say would embrace the nationalism of de Gaulle without adopting the racism and xenophobia of the far Right.

The only reference that people relate to is their country, their motherland," said William Abitbol, an aide to M Pasqua. "If no one else can provide those answers then the National Front is inevita-



Albanian opposition leaders watch as policemen prevent them from leaving their party building in Tirana

## Police chief sacked as Vlore protesters take over streets

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN TIRANA

THE Albanian authorities called off a move to declare a state of emergency in the port of Vlore yesterday, fearing it would provoke further bloodshed after a series of deaths in clashes between protesters and riot police. Instead the Government of President Berisha dismissed the local police chief and appealed for

dialogue. But Vlore, on the Adriatic coast, remained a town out of control, with police - brought in in force over the past two days to crush the revolt melting into the background. The streets were in the hands of tens of thousands of triumthe central police

ahandoned. Spearheading the national nood, the demonstrators in Vlore are demanding not only the return of money lost in pyramid savings schemes but man whom they hold responsible for the financial disa

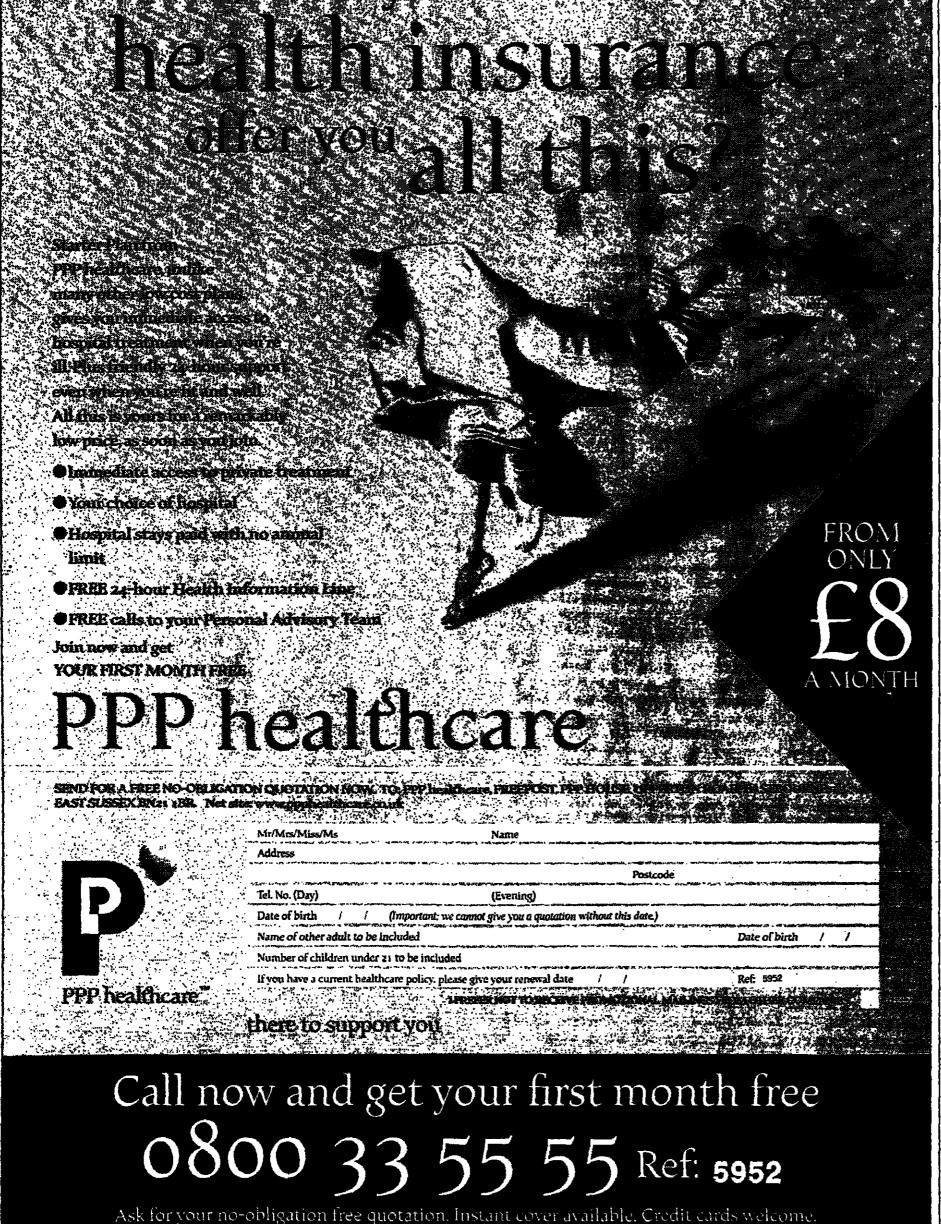
President Bezisha. The deaths of three people since rioting broke out in Vlore a week ago has given the anti-Berisha revolt its first "martyrs". "Long live the free republic of Vlore" declared banners that were raised by the crowd yesterday.

Prime Minister, said the Government had removed Fokol Mulosmanj, the unpopular police chief in Vlore and replaced him with Echem Kurci, from the nearby town of Fier. But Mr Meksi said Democratic Party deputies from the Vlore region had persuaded him and President Berisha not to impose a state of emergency in case it provoked further violence.

In Tirana, crowds presse round a branch of the national bank as the authorities began to refund savers from funds frozen by the State when the pyramid schemes collapsed. "I got \$600 (£365) of the \$1,000 I invested," said one man. "Sixty per cent not bad." Others said they

senior anti-Mafia prosecu tor, said many of Albania's sive infiltration by Italian organised crime, which had nanipulated many of the fraudulent pyramid schemes. using Albanian "front men". Sofia: President Stoyanov of Bulgaria last night swore in Stefan Sofiyansky, the anti-Socialist Mayor of Sofia, as the caretaker Prime Minister and set new elections for April

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## Police chief sack as Viore proteste take over street



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## Pakistan Muslims force Christians to abandon homes

By Christopher Thomas, south asia correspondent

THOUSANDS of Pakistani Christians are living rough in tents after an estimated 20,000 Muslim rioters drove them from their homes in Punjab. It is one of the greatest single acts of persecution of Christians since the creation of Pakistan, which became an Islamic republic in 1956.

Hundreds of Christians had their homes set on fire, churches were destroyed and 25 girls from a wrecked Christian hostel are missing. All religious minorities in Pakistan have suffered discrimination, and Christians are generally among the poorest

Alexander John Malik, the Bishop of Lahore, the Punjab capital, said the entire Christian village of Shantinagar, 65 miles from the city of Multan, had been looted and set on fire. Christians were living in tents under the supervision of the army. Until now, Muslims and Christians had lived peacefully together for many decades. He accused police of provoking the trouble.

The deputy superintendent of police in Shantmagar was suspended after Christians accused him and two colleagues of desecrating the Bible during a raid on a Christian home. The officers were arrested and released on bail. Bishop Malik said they had sought revenge by spreading

rumours that Christians had frenzied crowd who went on a torn pages from the Koran, written blasphemous remarks on them and thrown them into a mosque.

Two men were reportedly killed during the riots, apparently by police bullets, and 19 others, including a policeman, were injured. There are fewer than three million Christians in Pakistan, which has a population of 130 million. Two years ago, a 14-year-old Chris-

6 The news was

broadcast that Muslims had found a desecrated copy of the Koran 9

tian boy was sentenced to death for blasphemy in Lahore, but was acquitted on

appeal. Christian Solidarity International, based in Surrey, said 13 churches were destroyed during the rioting. Muslims had reported finding a desecrated copy of the Koran.

"News of this incident was immediately broadcast by two vans fitted with loudspeakers," it said. "This drew a

rampage." The army was called in by police to quell the riots. The affair had been well planned and co-ordinated by The organisation added that

1,500 families were made homeless by the riots. It urged international pressure on Pa-kistan to abandon the use of separate electoral rolls, under which religious communities vote for their own members. This "religious apartheid" act-ed against the political and social interests of minorities.

Benazir Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, never hon-oured a pledge to review the blasphemy laws to make them less open to abuse by Islamic extremists. A 1987 amendment to the blasphemy laws made the death penalty mandatory for anyone convicted of blas-phemy involving the name of the Prophet Muhammad. The small Ahmadiyya com-

munity, a religious sect founded in 1889, faces severe persecution. It is accused of claiming that its founder was a prophet, contrary to the orthodox Islamic tenet that Muhammad was the last prophet. Pakistan declared the Ahmadiyyas non-Muslim in 1974 and a decade later an ordinance made them liable for prosecution for any activity deemed likely to "outrage the religious feelings of Muslims".



Pakistani Christian leaders complain to an army officer after they were attacked by rioting Muslims in the Punjab village of Shantinagar

## Chinese arrest suspected leader of Islamic unrest

FROM JAMES PRINGLE

IN BELIING

A SUSPECTED leader of last week's demonstrations in the remote town of Yining, in China's northwestern Mushim region of Xinjiang, has been arrested, a local Communist Party official said yesterday. The man,

named Heilili, a 29-year-old Uighur. the region's principal ethnic minority, was said to have been the ringleader of a similar. less violent anti-Chinese demonstration last August. Then, he underwent "ideological education".

Officials said that between 200 and 300 people had been detained since the riots, last Wednesday and Thursday, when ten people were reported killed and 144 injured. They added that Heilili was under interrogation in Yining, 30 miles east of the border with Kazakhstan.

The rioting was the most violent reported outbreak since Communist China regained control of the region in 1950. Since then Beijing has moved

millions of ethnic Han Chinese into the region, prompting sporadic outburts from the Turkic-speaking Uighurs, who have been spurred to action, analysts say, by the independence of the former Soviet Central Asian states, whose Muslim people are of the same ethnic make-up as those in Xinjiang.

## Husband of Cornwell's lover jailed for 61 years

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A FORMER FBI agent whose estranged wife had a lesbian affair with Patricia Cornwell, the novelist, faces a long stint in prison after being found guilty of attempted murder.

Eugene Berenett, 42, claimed he was insane when he plotted to kill his wife. Marguerite, but a jury in Virginia recom-mended that he spend 61 years in jail. Bennett, a father of two, used his surveillance skills to snoop on his wife while she conducted an affair with Miss Cornwell, who has made millions from detective novels. Miss Cornwell did not give evidence and did not attend

the trial. The court heard that Bennett started to plot his wife's death after their marriage broke down during her affair with Miss Cornwell. Bennett watched the two women embrace in a car and later kidnapped at gunpoint his wife's church minister, the Rev Edwin Clever, and lured Mrs Bennett to the scene.

Mrs Bennett, 42, herself a former FBI agent, suspected that her husband was up to something and went to the church with a gun. Bennett had tied the minister to a chair and had placed a bag around his waist that appeared to be primed with explosives.

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Anderson is escorted by police into court yesterday

## Six murder charges for New Zealander

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN HAMILTON

THE man accused of carrying out the latest mass killing to rock New Zealand appeared in court yesterday as 400 people gathered for a memorial service for the six victims near the scene of the killings. Five new murder charges were laid against Stephen Anderson, 24, in his second court appearance since the killings on Saturday at the ski resort of Raurimu.

Among the new charges was the murder of his father. Mr Anderson, who faced a first murder count when he was brought before a special court on Sunday, also faces eight charges of attempted murder and one of illegal possession of a shotgun. Mr Anderson was not asked

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to enter a plea during the eight-minute hearing in the Hamilton District Court and was remanded in custody until February 26. His lawyer, Stuart Grieve, asked Judge Geoffrey Rea to remand Mr Anderson to a psychiatric

Mr Anderson, who was found naked in the bush after the shootings, looked gaunt and downcast as he stood in the dock wearing white police-issue overalls, flanked by police officers.

Mr Anderson's father, Neville Robin Anderson, was among the dead. His mother was wounded in the attack which came during a family reunion at a ski lodge in the

## 'Little harm' in ten-death treachery

BY QUENTIN LETTS THE American traitor Al-

drich Ames, granted the surprising privilege of a television interview on an American news show, said that his betrayal of his country to the KGB caused "no

significant damage".

The Soviet spy's casual denial that he had hurt America's national security interest, which was broadcast on ABC's Nightline programme, coincided with fresh claims about his treachery. A new book, Confessions of a Spy, based on prison interviews Ames gave to Pete Earley, a writer, stated that Ames betrayed more than twice as many CIA agents as has been disclosed previously.

At least ten agents met their deaths as a result, including deep sources in the Soviet defence industry and the KGB. Ames, who was ar-rested in Virginia in 1994, is serving a life prison sentence for selling American secrets to the former Soviet Union. He has been blamed previously for betraying 12 CIA agents who were operating in hostile territory, but according to Mr Earley the number was 25.



# Top North Korean official defects to Seoul embassy

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELLING AND ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

IN A potentially devastating blow to the waning fortunes of the isolated and paranoid Stalinist North Korean regime, a close confidant of the dictator, President Kim Jong Il, yesterday defected to the South Korean Government.

Hwang Jang Yop, 72, a secretary of the communist state's ruling Workers' Party and a member of the party central committee, was last night under heavy guard in a South Korean diplomatic compound in Beijing. He walked into the grounds of the South Korean Embassy at about loam with Kim Duk Hung. his 55-year-old aide. They startled diplomats by requesting political asylum.

The two North Koreans had been on their way home to Pyongyang via Beijing, after attending a North Koreansponsored seminar in Japan. outh Korean envoys said Mr -Hwang is the highest-ranking person to defect from the North, now beset by serious

food and fuel shortages. The North Korean Foreign Ministry said, however, that he aide must have been kidnapped. A spokesman said he idea that he had sought asylum was "inconceivable

rassing the matter was for the Chinese Government, which is North Korea's last remaining significant ally. Chung Jong Wook, the South Korean Ambassador, told reporters it was "a very sensitive issue". Embassy officials said negotiations were under way with the Chinese Government about "diplomatic methods" of

getting Mr Hwang to Seoul. Worried South Korean diplomatic sources said their embassy had warned diplomats and South Korean civilions in Beijing to exercise extra caution in case North Korean agents tried to take hostages for the return of Mr Hwang.

in the past few days many North Korean diplomats have left Beijing for Pyongyang to take part in 55th birthday celebrations on Sunday for the North Korean leader.

Diplomats and analysts in Beijing said Mr Hwang's defection could indicate a power struggle in the North, where there have been reports of differences between competing sectors in the regime. They said Mr Hwang was known to be a key theoretician behind iuche, North Korea's ideology of self-reliance, in his earlier role as President of Kim II

The defection will be greeted



Abir Wehaibi, right, one of 30 Palestinian women re-leased from Israeli jails this week, is greeted by her mother in Ramallah yesterday. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, will meet President Clinton in Washington today and, according to Israel radio,

## Women celebrate liberty

posals for reviving the peace negotiations with Syria, which have been stalled for the past 11 months (Christopher Walker writes). Today's White House talks are the start of a new wideranging initiative by the Clinton Ad-

ministration to harness the momentum resulting from last month's Israeli withdrawal from most of He-bron. Senior US officials said that Mr Netanyahu's visit would be followed by separate visits by Yassir

Arafat, the Palestinian leader. President Muharak of Egypt and King Husain of

Mr Clinton is said to be "acutely aware" that no comprehensive peace can be obtained in the region without a pact between Israel and Syria over the disputed

## Kremlin steps up attack on Nato

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FROM RICHARD BEESTON

THE Kremlin yesterday launched an angry verbal attack against Nato, accusing the alliance of secretly undermining Russia's relations with the former Soviet

republics. In some of the toughest language yet used by Moscow in the acrimonious debate with Nato over its planned eastward expansion, the Kremlin accused the alliance of having an "undeclared and

secret agenda".
"The West as a whole, and the leadership of Nato in particular, is opposed to any form of political and military integration among newly independent states, the former Soviet republics, especially when the initiative comes from Moscow," Sergei Yastr-zhembsky, the presidential spokesman, said.

It is unthinkable that his remarks would not have been authorised at the highest levels of the Russian leadership, most probably personally by President Yeltsin, who is still recovering from flu.

Although unnamed, the tar-

et of the attack was clearly Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, who is on a tour of Moldova, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, all former Soviet republics where Russia keeps large military forces.

Señor Solana first angered the Russians during his visit to Moldova on Monday when he said that the Kremlin should comply with its commitment to pull its 6,000 troops out of the breakaway

region of Transduestr.
Nato sources denied Russia's allegations that the alliance was trying to prevent the integration of former Soviet republics. "Nato does not regard the relationship between these countries and the alliance, and the relationship between these countries and Russia as mutually exclu-

sive," one source said.
The official said that Señor Solana was visiting the four former Soviet republics at their invitation. They were all ers of Nato's ship for Peace programme and it was important to keep them informed of the latest Nato thinking, the official

## Bonino chosen as new BSE chief



Bonino: taking charge of consumer health

IN A move to quell continental anger over its handling of the mad cow" epidemic, the European Commission vesterday invested Emma Bonino, one of Brussels' star members, with new authority as chief

of consumer health and downgraded the powerful agricul-Stung by criticism from

MEPs, Jacques Santer, President of the Commission, hopes the internal revamp will apbly when it decides next week whether to censure the Brussels executive over its management of the BSE crisis. The

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS findings of an inquiry which accused the Commission of consistent negligence, conniving with Britain and a policy

which gave priority to the beef industry over public health. A vocal band of MEPs is pushing the Parliament to pass a censure vote - though this is highly unlikely to

with dismay by Kim Jong II,

vacuum since the death of

supported by a flood of adula-

have been Mr Hwang's pos-

sible failure to obtain more

floods destroyed harvests.

Seoul: A South Korean

loans scandal yesterday threatened to engulf President

Kim Young Sam in an election year as Kim Woo Suk, the

Home Minister, resigned, and another of the President's trusted associates was ques-

tioned by prosecutors. Lee Soo

Sung, the Prime Minister,

indicated he was also willing

to quit amid media specula-

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and food safety. As part of the reform, the Commission is revamping the byzantine system of scientific committees responsible for formulating policy, making them more accountable.

The seven committees concerned with food safety will now report to the muchenlarged directorate under the Italian Signora Bonino.

Under the revamp, a group of commissioners headed by gnora Bonino will co-ordinate policy on food and human health, now one of the most

#### Farewell to Harriman

Washington: In death, as in life, Pamela Harriman is attracting a rare congregation of the great and good to her funeral at Washington's national cathedral today (Tom Rhodes writes).

President Clinton will deliver the eulogy, Al Gore, the Vice-President, and Winston Churchill, her son, will give readings. A host of the city's diplomats, the Clinton Cabinet. White House officials and other notables are expect-

Much speculation has centred on the millions left to her Averell Harriman. A decision on the will is said to be expected "soon".

## Anxious Kohl quick to deny cancer rumour

FROM PETER BUD IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, has emphatically denied rumours that he has cancer. Departing from his usual policy of ignoring personal comments, he has rejected claims in Der Spiegel magazine, which alluded to suspicions among his Christian Democrat party members that he might have the disease.

He described the rumours enced a lot of malice in my life but this is really tacky. It's clear what these people want. They're trying to spread unDemocrat members and supporters, in the German population at large and also among our foreign friends and pariners." Herr Kohl's strong response

betrays political anxiety but also reflects a long-running grudge against the news magazine. More than 20 years ago, when he arrived in Bonn as party leader, Der Spiegel contrasted his provincialism and inability to speak another language with the internationalism of Helmut Schmidt and Willy Brandt, his Social certainty - among Christian Democrat predecessors.

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## Roadblocks trap Britons in Spanish lorry strike

By Tunku Varadaraian in madrid and Mark Henderson

SCORES of British lorry drivers were trapped in Spain last night as an increasingly violent strike by Spanish truckers closed most of the country's northern motorways.

The strike, called indefiniteby the drivers union, Fedetrans, started a week ago today. Inspired in large measure by France's violent stoppages last year, it has closed Spain's road borders with France and Portugal as well as several inland motorways through Castile, Cantabria

and the Basque country. British drivers at Irun, near the French border, reported as many as 1,500 lorries held up by roadblocks, and attacks on drivers and their vehicles. "The side of my truck was slashed with a Stanley knife, and lots of lads have had their

tyres slashed," said John Walmsley, from Chatteris, near Newmarket. Another British driver.

Mick Shortland from Huddersfield, said the blockade was becoming more violent than the French strike. They've set trucks on fire in Zaragoza and Bilbao," he said. They're dropping stones onto trucks from the bridges, and we heard two British drivers have been beaten up."
In Cabezón de Pisuerga,

near Valladolid, a Briton was accused of threatening pickets with a pistol to force his way through a makeshift roadblock. In another incident at the same village, a Dutch lorry driver rammed the roadblock. injuring a picket. Elsewhere, foreign lorries have been attacked by pickets with crow-

bars and hammers, tyres have some two dozen of them Britbeen slashed and bricks ish - are also stranded near thrown through windscreens. Hendaye, on the French side Some 500 lorry drivers were of the border. The strike has paralysed nearly 80 per cent of Spain's reported to be margoned on the Portuguese border with Extremadura, having spurned road transport sector. Losses a Spanish offer of a police for the first week have been

> are likely to rise sharply in the coming days.
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> Haulage firms in Britain said they faced huge losses. Three of the four lorries oper-

estimated at £75 million, and

ated by Thermotrans in South- Renault all announced "techampton have been trapped by the strike, and Roger Grimes, UK transport manager of Breda International, said his company could lose £50,000 worth of business because of the firm's six blockaded lorries. "It is always us poor Brits

who get it in the neck," he said.

"First it was France, then Greece and now Spain." Yesterday, as the strike bit hard, Michelin, Nissan and

nical stoppages" at their Spanish factories as supplies of parts dried up. Suppliers of fresh fish in Galicia also announced that the strike was causing stocks to rot at ports and warehouses; and across northern Spain several petrol stations have closed as tanks

The basic demands of the Spanish strikers bear a close resemblance to those made

counterparts. Fedetrans wants sponsibilities for road transthe age of obligatory retireport, yesterday condemned the strike as foolish and ment to be reduced to 60, and that of voluntary retirement provocative". with full benefits to be lowered

A spokesman said: "We can only agree to civilised negotiation, for which channels already exist. This strike is blackmail by a tiny minority which is forcing the majority of honest and reasonable



Spanish national police guard a convoy of lorries transporting fish from Vigo and Marin in Galicia to Madrid, Seville, Valencia and other main cities yesterday

## **Embattled Mobutu loses town**

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA AND **OUR FOREIGN STAFF** 

THE forces of Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader; set off yesterday in the direction of ailing President Mobutu's jungle palace at Gbadolite after capturing the key town of Isiro in northeast Zaire.

In Paris, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said the rebels, who hold towns and territory in east Zaire, would be excluded from an international conference which France wants organised to tackle the Zaire crisis.

"Our forces are now in complete control of Isiro," Mr Kabila said. The town was taken late on Tuesday." Rebel officials said units were conducting mop-up operations in the town and bad. seized its airstrip: "Our struggle will continue until Mobutu sang the re Mr Kabila said government

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troops and foreign mercenaries had retreated from Isiro to Buta, the next stop on the road towards the President's residence. Isiro is about 500 miles east of Gbadolite.

"Our advance has caused a lot of panic in the Government. The panic is such that Mobutu now sleeps in Bangui (the capital of the Central African Republic) and only comes to Gbadolite in the

fleeting visit to Kinshasa, the Zairean capital, today. His henchmen will organise the usual rent-a-crowd reception for him. However, they have done so with dwindling enthusiasm for a dying President who heads a Government with an unpopular lame duck Prime Minister, Kengo wa Dondo, and a system so corrupt that teenage soldiers are sent to die in battle against the rebels without pay, food or

ammunition. "There are signs

that members of his own

entourage are losing faith in

Mobutu," one Western am-

escort on the motorway. Inter-

viewed on Portuguese radio,

one said: "Things could get

ugly, as they did in France. I

am not taking any chances."

An estimated 300 lorries -

bassador noted. On Monday Kinshasa was shut down in a "dead city" protest organised by anti-Mobutu leaders. Another protest, this time by students, is scheduled for tomorrow.

In the capital there is growing support for Mr Kabila, who recently vowed to "kill Mr Mobutu is due to pay a Zaire's vast mineral wealth, is abandoning them."

in the hands of a number of inter-related families that control the Government and the Opposition and do good business with arms and diamond smugglers in Kinshasa.

A Defence Ministry spokesman tried to put a brave face on the loss of Isiro. He insisted that Zaire's infantry would retake the town. He admitted. however, that the soldiers were far beyond the range of mercenary-piloted helicopter gunships, which could turn the battle in the Government's favour.

An aid worker who recently returned from the town said: The defeated soldiers will be on the run by now. If they have any transport they could be in Kisangani within a week. Humiliated, exhausted and angry they will enter a town with large amounts of food aid stockpiled, cars, wealth, and take revenge against their own people for

## Genocide tribunal 'shambles'

New York: A United Nations watchdog agency yesterday described the Rwanda war crimes tribunal as a manage-ment shambles and called for the ousting of the Madagascan prosecutor in charge of bringing genocide suspects to

justice (James Bone writes). The UN's internal investigation - conducted by its office for internal oversight services — stems from complaints about nepotism and mismanagement at the tribunal's offices in Arusha, Tanzania, and its prosecution section in the Rwandan capi-

tal, Kigali. The tribunal, set up two years ago, has indicted 21 people for their role in the 1994 genocide by Hutu extremists, which claimed more than half a million lives in Rwanda.lt recently began its

## America aghast at Oscar invasion by foreign stars nominations shock "Independents Day" in tribute to the

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

HOLLYWOOD'S trouncing in the Oscar nominations by foreign actors and independently produced films - a number of them British or with British connections has gone down like a stinkbomb with America's flintier arts commentators.

"Who are these people, anyway?" demanded yesterday's New York Post. The paper's Cindy Adams wrote: "What is it with those twinkies out there who make the nominations?" Mrs Adams proceeded, by

her own admission, to "bitch" about the long list of non-American nominees, from Britain's Brenda Blethyn in Secrets and Lies and Kristin Scott Thomas in The English Patient to the Australian Geoffrey Rush who played the

'Who are these -

to 55. Furthermore, the union

insists that fuel should be

available to the sector at a

subsidised rate, as well as

enhanced medical henefits

"tailored to the special circum-

stances of the profession". The Spanish Ministry of

> people anyway?'

lead role in the largely Australian-made Shine. Of Marianne Jean-Baptiste, who was nominated for a best supporting actress Oscar for her part in Mike Leigh's British hit Secrets and Lies, Mrs Adams asked: "Marianne Jean

American film critics beat their brows in astonishment that Madonna had been "snubbed" by the Academy. there being no reward for her role in Evita.

Headline writers called the

wood films over the usual blockbusters. The only Hollywood film to do really well was Jerry Maguire, whose star. Tom Cruise, can probably count on unqualified support from the home crowd on Oscar night next month. Such was the sense of shock at Hollywood's eclipse that The New York Times looked

preponderance of non-Holly-

down its lorgnette and saw fit to publish a leader on the sbject. "The Oscar nominations may be a tribute to an exciting new wave of talent," it pronounced, with hidden emphasis on the "may".

"Or they could be an embarrassing admission that the major American studios did not produce anything more interesting than Jerry

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**Dr Thomas Stuttaford** on St Valentine and the stigma of epilepsy, the age-old search for aphrodisiacs, the latest treatment for stroke victims and the link between hormones and asthma attacks

# The last of the hidden diseases

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doctor

plated suicide for the second time when he was working as a subeditor at The Times. It wasn't the pressure of work, or the illiteracy of the reporters, which, on this occasion, had upset the balance of his mind, but the thought that he had epilepsy. Years later he wrote: "Epilepsy, cancer and leprosy these are the three medical terms which rouse the greatest fear in the untutored, and at 22 one is unprepared for so final a

judgment." Greene rejected the idea of suicide, but he decided that it would be better if he did not marry in case he transmitted the trait.

Greene had been prone to fainting when he was at school and was sent to consult a Harley Street neurologist. Although his parents were informed of the diagnosis, it was considered too dreadful to tell such a young patient. It was only four years later, when Greene had the blackout across his sub-editors' desk. that it was decided to let him in on the

Friends rallied to Greene's support, and he knew that epilepsy had not prevented Dostoevsky from succeeding as a novelist, but he was finally comforted only when the then Times medical correspondent. Dr McNair Wilson, and Graham's elder brother, told him that neurologists were often mistaken in their diagnosis. Not only was treatment for epilepsy then primitive but the diagnosis had to be made without the advantage of an EEG or an MRI scan.

Cancer is now openly discussed, leprosy is, if treated early, curable — only epilepsy has retained its sinister reputation and is still considered too frightening to be

St Valentine is the patron saint of those suffering from epilepsy, and people suffering from it sometimes make a pilgrimage to Terni, in Italy, where he was a bishop. Rome also claims his burial spot. Others sufferers go to Ruffiac, in France, which is associated with epilepsy because it once had a famous hospital which treated the affliction.

A pilgrimage to St Valentine would never come amiss, but patients are advised to visit a specialist epilepsy clinic first. Although there is some contention about the natural Pray to a history of epilepsy, most doc-Valentine

tors believe that seizures beget seizures and that the sooner someone is treated the better. Sometimes epilepsy disap-pears spontaneously: after Greene was reassured by The Times doctor he never had another attack, and in other cases, after years of troublefree life, treatment can be withdrawn. When it is, however, there is a relapse rate of up to 40 per cent. The longer the patient has maintained the treatment.

the less there is a chance of a relapse. Treatment for epilepsy is now so good that 75 per cent of patients are so well controlled that they have no seizures. Modern drugs recently introduced to treat epilepsy are often not only more effective but are said to have fewer side effects.

Apart from migraine, epilepsy is the most common brain disorder - as common as diabetes - but whereas in the south-east health region of England there patients with epilepsy.

Epilepsy is the last of the stigmatised diseases, and people are happier to discuss their sexually transmitted diseases, or their fatal malignancy, than they are to admit to having it. More than 1.5



Lois Will and Ruth Waddell ate 204 oysters at the 1925 New York follies. An improvement in sexual appetite was unlikely

#### A fruitless search for the food of love

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SO THAT the readers will be feeling at their best for Valentine's Day, magazines have devoted pages this month to discussion about foods which are thought to have an aphrodisiac value.

Most of the writers have recommended diets which are likely to be of benefit to long-term sexual health and contain foods rich in zinc. selenium, manganese and anti-oxidant vitamins.

For centuries there have been attempts to find a substance which would bave an immediate effect on libido. It is doubtful if such a food exists, although there are men who swear that their sex life benefits from yohimbine. Others, of both sexes, believe that ginseng is a powerful stimulant. Presumably this action more than counteracts ginseng's feminising oestrogenic action - otherwise men would find its long-term physical effects surprising and disappointing.

Yohimbine, the principal alkaloid of the bark of the yohimbe tree, is an alpha receptor blocker. It raises blood pressure, increases heart rate, speeds excretion of urine and is claimed to improve both potency and libido.

In both sexes the male hormone testosterone improves libido, whereas in women progestogens, which form part of combined hormone replacement therapy, usually reduce it. Alcohol increases desire, but it reduces ability and enjoyment.

Most of the recommended foods alleged to have aphrodisiac powers rely upon their appearance to

## Strokes and the case for surgery

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pected to continue to 🛪 eorge Harris was exwork in the City until he was 65, but like most of his generation he has been retired

George, now 58, spends the time he would have been crouched over his desk bent weeks ago, while he was playing his morning round, he noticed that the grip of his right hand was more feeble than usual and that he had some slight difficulty in speaking. The loss of power in his right hand was such that the game had to be abandoned, but George's small stroke was

ischaemic attack (TIA). Within a few hours his confident voice was once again booming around the house, back to normal.

and his ability to play golf was George's doctor arranged that his carotid arteries, the

which feed the blood to the brain, should be scanned. In George's case all was well, thearteries were not unduly narrowed and treatment with daily aspirin to prevent small

clots was prescribed. George was lucky in the outcome of his TIA and in his GP. A recent survey reported in the Jour nal of the Royal College of General Practitioners has shown that although most family doctors are aware that carotid

mended after a TIA or a small stroke, only II per cent arrange one.
Carotid imaging is impor-tant in all patients who have had a minor TIA, provided that they are fit enough to be considered for carotid surgery. should it be indicated. Usually

expectancy of at least three years if surgery is to be considered, and he free of serious cardiac disease which can be associated with narrowed carotid arteries.

A certain number of cases of stenosed severely narrowed, carotid arteries, are detected during Too many routine medicals when the dector Fsdoctors fail to

Two large clinical trials in Europe. and America have demonstrated that.

arterial surgery to clear the fatty plaques obstructing the artery, usually the internal carotid after the main carotid artery has dividinto two, is very

The nature of the operation, carotid endarterectomy, and

Irritable Bowel Syndrome

the investigations needed before it is undertaken, has recently been described in Pulse magazine.

The decision to operate is discussed very carefully with the patients and is not taken until after the scan has shown the artery is more than 70 per

If the scan shows sever stenosis angiography, an Xray of the artery may be carried out, but this has some another stroke.

The dilemma is that failin to operate when the carotic artery is more than 70 per cent stenosed is associated with a 25 per cent chance of suffering a major, possibly fatal, stroke within 18 months. Conversely, the surgery has a 5 per cent chance of causing a stroke.

Successful surgery reduces the likelihood of the patient having a further stroke by

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muscular dystrophy.

million people in Britain suffer from

epilepsy at some time of their lives, and five million people's lives are affected by it

because a member of the family has had a

seizure. At any one time, between 4,000

and 5,000 people are receiving treatment.

As well as buying Valentine's cards and flowers tomorrow to celebrate the patron

saint of romantic love, a donation to the

Institute of Epileptology at the Maudsley

Hospital, in London, would be well

received. The institute is the only academ-

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#### Illness that targets women

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with from acute asthma. Before the age of ten, boys were found to have twice as much asthma as affected, but between the of 20 and 50 - the reproductive years — women as men to need hospital care. In 46 per cent of these cases the woman's attack had bappened during the four days either side of the start of

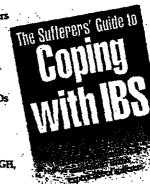
Pregnancy usually has little effect on asthma, but it is important for the

with her regular treatment. Doctors will always check the asthma treatment she is having at the start of her pregnancy. and it is sometimes as well to change the drug used to one which does not easily cross the placental barrier.
As always, the reference books Mims, the national formulary, and Martin-

invaluable guides Inhaled drugs are the treatment of choice during pregnancy because the baby is not damaged by them. Many women experience asthma for the first time at or around the menopause. Unfortunately there is no guarantee that once their down again the asthma will clear. It remains very much more common in omen than in men, ever

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made a visit last week to his mother's home country of Thailand there was such excitement that the local television stations interrupted their normal programmes to carry the event live. "Now over to our cameras at the airport." announcers jabbered, "where Tiger Woods is just at this very moment walking down the

aircraft steps!" You would have thought it was the Pope, but the reception was for a 21-year-old golfer who has not yet, let us note. won a major tournament. Despite a locker full of talent, Woods is still but a middling sports presence on the professional golf tour.

. What he is, however, is something far more rare and marketable: an African-American pin-up, a black idol. It has being made against Sergeant Major Gene McKinney, the marketable: an African-Amernot been a good

few months for prominent American blacks, O.J. Simpson came badly unstuck in Santa Monica earlier this month. and now seems unlikely to regain the high public standing he had before he was arrested for the murder of his ex-wife. With OJ's

downfall the public appeal of Johnnie Cochran. his first trial lawyer, and the man who by playing the race card won the unwinnable case," has probably passed its best.

Bill Cosby had well-chronicled difficulties in January. Cosby, an honest-faced actor with a gift for comic timing. has long been one of America's foremost blacks. He was the first black man to make it big on primetime network television and his screen personality served as an ideal of genial fatherhood to the entire

nation. When his son Ennis was killed in California the American people at first mourned as one, but then the thread started to unravel. A young woman came forward claiming to be his illegitimate daughter and the star himself made a televised admission that he had been unfaithful to his wife.

We are all human and what he did was nothing worse than many people have done, but the public confession has changed the way America looks at Bill Cosby. Another black idol had fallen and been cracked.

There has been a shortage of female black idols, too. Whitnev Houston, she of the big voice and silken ambition, has taken a dent or two from claims about her private life. Anita Hill, whose sex harassment case against Judge Clarence Thomas made her one of the most widely recognised

black women in America a few years ago, has all but vanished from view.

in their place black young-sters now look to the likes of Angela Bassett, the actress who played Tina Turner in What's Love Got to Do With It, or to the astronaut, Mae Jemison, first black weman in space. Television's Oprah Winfrey, the enduring agony aunt of black America, also continues to serve as a beacon of African-American achieve-

Add to this such incidents as the violent death in Las Vegas of the rapper, Tupac Shakur, the problems of bad-boy baskethall star Dennis Rodman the continuing image woes of boxer Mike Tyson and, most recently, the sexual harassment allegations which are

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black recruit who is the most senior NCO in the US Army. A pattern begins to emerge. One hears polemicists lament that there are not enough African-American heroes. not enough public figures of high repute for young blacks to idolise

and of whom to say

"that's what I want to be when I grow up". The Simpson and Cosby cases, picked over endlessly by the media, only made matters

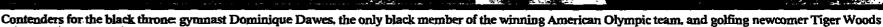
That is why Woods has been seized on with such alacrity, way before he has reached the top of his sport. It is also why young blacks in other fields of endeavour are given disproportional encouragement in

n politics there is J.C. Watts, a 39-year-old Southern Republican who gave his party's spoken response to President Clinton's State of the Union address - at the very moment, ironically, that the Simpson verdict came in from Santa Monica. Watts is an accomplished orator and an astute politician, and he made a very much better fist of things than did then Senator Robert Dole after last year's State of the

But it is accepted that he was picked simply on grounds of colour, such is America's desire to give its blacks something, someone to cheer. In athletics, Dominique Dawes, the only black member of America's winning women's Olympic gymnastics team, has gone on to far more interesting things than her white team mates.

She has appeared in a pop video with Prince, she has been in Grease on Broadway and she has received numerous awards from black organ-





tary Ron Brown, a black man

who "beat" the Washington

lions of dollars worth of en-

isations proud to claim her as their own. On New York's Madison Avenue one day I saw her being stopped by an admiring young black fan who sought her autograph. She gave it graciously, aware of her own good fortune.

Not all blacks, however, sit easy with the idea of black figureheads. Professor Obie Clayton, vice-provost for research at the leading black university, Morehouse College tant than black idols.

in Atlanta, stresses that black role models are more impor-



The role model, he explains, is likely to be someone you know or meet in ordinary life - a teacher, perhaps, a pastor, or a senior colleague at work - while the idol will be someone whose example it is probably impossible to follow. "Put it like this - I'm never going to be as good at golf as Tiger Woods," he says. "But young blacks can perhaps hope to live up to certain role models

There may not be as many charismatic black leaders today as they were in the times of Martin Luther King," says Professor Clayton, "but that can be a good thing. There are an increasing number of black students in college nowadays, an increasing number of black PhDs. Perhaps they will be the role models of tomorrow." Professor Clayton is wary about the white media choosing the sort of heroes they think black Americans should

Matthew Scott, managing editor of Black Enterprise magazine, believes that his readers like public figures who have the whiff of rebellion. They like people who beat the odds, who overcome the syshe says. Examples:

Spike Lee, the film director, or dorsements and knocks a golf the late US Commerce Secreball pretty decently, too.

system up to a point - although he was under the spoken of as a possible Repubscrutiny of federal authorities lican party presidential candiat the time of his death in a date. "He ain't black!" laughed plane crash last year in a young black friend of mine The rebellion ingredient is often said of Clarence Thompresent in Woods. Golf was as, a conservative who was seen by some blacks - surely long seen as a white man's game. Now along comes a unfairly — as having betrayed half-black, half-oriental kid his colour in favour of his who lands hundreds of mil-

wing, too? The rise of young blacks such as Woods, Watts One name that is seldom and Dawes is something to mentioned as a black idol, is cheer, but it is only a qualified that of Colin Powell, who is cheer. Professor Clayton is

right to hope that a wider

black middle class will reduce

the apparent dependency on black champions. in New York. The same is The tendency to support successful black people simply because they are black is not an attractive one. It smacks of quota-ism and is as unappealing as the triumphant crowing right-of-centre ideological be-liefs. Can blacks not be right from many sections of Jewish America recently when it

emerged that the Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, came from Jewish stock. The increasing tribalism of the United States, once the melting pot of the world, is a sorry business.

A few months ago, says the engaging Woods, the only time he thought about race was "when the media asked me". The best thing that could happen to fin de siècle America would be for all of us to concentrate not on his skin colour but on the brilliance of his swing.

## New old swingers in town

t is both a blessing and a bit embarrassing that when human beings do something for the first time, they often presume that it is the first time it has ever been done. Contrary evidence rarely deters them: look at new

The blessing is that this egotistic belief helps us to maintain a sense of wonder-ment in the world. It also gives creative inspiration to artistic types: otherwise Wordsworth would have just looked at that host of golden daffodils and said, "So what's

Joe Joseph discovers that age should not be measured in years

Now David Bailey, having reached the grand age of 59, has decided that he is not actually old. Not old-fashioned, straightforward, up-and-down old. David is still a brilliant photographer. He feels sprightly. Still fancies women. Still brims with creative ideas. So do Dave's ageing chums, people like Mick Jagger and Jack Nichol-son, who both like a night on the tiles with a bird or two, but

who still have enough stamina left to cut CDs and make movies in the morning.

No, David Bailey is not plain "old", he said this week.

He is one of the "New Old". along with Mick and Jack they are the advance shock troops of a new phenomenon. People used to say you can't be a pop star at 60," said Bailey, "but Mick will be." He likens himself and his "new old" mates to supposedly rare predecessors like Picasso, who worked well into old age. But are the "new old" all that new? Or that unique that you have to be a 1960s vintage photographer, or rock singer,

or movie star to qualify?

History is chock-full of people who not only carried on making a noise well into old age, but who often only began making any noise at all after their peers were drawing pensions. People like Harry Truman, Coco Chanel, Joseph Conrad, Boris Karloff, and even Colonel Sanders, who only started his southern fried chicken business after he turned 60.

Daniel Defoe was in trade until the age of 60, when he decided to experiment with a new literary form called the novel, an experiment that gave us Robinson Crusoe and Moll Flanders Isaac Bashevis Singer, who wrote mostly in Yiddish, was in his fifties before word of his talent spread. Barbara Woodhouse, reputedly the fastest dog trainer ever, said: "Life began for

Isaac Hirschfeld, the man credited with coining the phrase "senior citizen" never even had a steady job until he was 75. He stayed inventive to the last. In his nineties, he summoned his family to his hospital bedside for what they assumed would be a profound deathbed statement, but which turned out to be: The nurses around here are big enough to be playing profes-sional football."

🕇 rowds gueued and cooed for last year's Ce-zanne exhibition in London, but it was only towards the end of his own life that Cezanne was noticed. "I have made some progress," he wrote to a friend, "but why so belatedly and why so painfully?" The American painter Edward Hopper was well into his sixties before the world fell for his dark, shadowy streets and his all night diners.

Jazz pianist and composer Eubie Blake was out of fashion for nearly half a century before ragtime was rediscovered in the Seventies, when Blake himself was nearer 90. "If I'd known I was going to live this long," he quipped, "I would have taken better care of myself." But he was still spry enough to play on the White House lawn at the age

"There is nothing more remarkable in the life of Socrates," said Montaigne,
"than that he found time in his old age to learn to dance and play on instruments and thought it time well spent."

and they'd still be nothing to

raise Socrates's eyebrows.

So Jagger and Bowie can go dancing in the street all night

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There is no alternative to EMU,

says Christopher Haskins

he existence of the Euro pean Union is a recognition that the concept of absolute national economic and political sovereignty is gradually being replaced by a sharing of economic and political sovereignty between the members. The objective of establishing a single currency. due to start in 1999, is enshrined in the Treaty of Rome, and was recognised by all members, including Britain, when they signed it. Remarkably, of the 15 mem-

bers, only Britain and, to a lesser extent, Denmark have genuine reservations about the political direction the EU is taking. Britain is alone in its desire to opt out of monetary union - the Danish krone is already fixed against the mark. Eleven other countries seek to participate in the EU on the terms laid down by the Treaty of Rome, the Single European Act and the Maastricht Treaty. So 25 countries broadly recognise the benefits of half a century of peace, prosperity and co-operation. Britain alone continues to

equivocate. Various British political groups reject the whole idea. The political sceptics, largely on the Right, cling tenaciously.

if hopelessly, to an image of national sovereignty that has more relevance to Victorian imperialism than to the 21st century. The economic doubters, mainly on the Left. cherish a Kevnesian national solution to problems, more

than 50 years after Keynes himself recognised that the world had changed, by signing up to the Bretton Woods agreement of 1944.

British political sovereignty died in 1943, when Churchill was forced to hand over the direction of the wait to the American President Roosevelt. After the war, as a member of Nato, we ceded further sovereignty to America, in return for guarantees of security. British economic sovereignty died in 1944, when the Bretton Woods settlement created the International Monetary Fund. Thereafter, British monetary policy was determined ultimately by the international financial markets: today only the United States can claim economic self-sufficiency.

Yet 40 years after Suez, people delude themselves that there are independent political and economic options available to Britain outside the EU. Right-wing nationalists still envisage the possibility of a national war, and argue that the Maastricht Treaty denies them this option. In their quiet moments, the romantic Right must recognise that at the very least the EU has rendered a war between the nations of Western Europe inconceivable. And the Left must accept co-operation ensures that the catastrophe of pre-war depression could not happen in the modern world.

Political Europhobia is easier to counter than economic scepticism. Ultimately the right-wing would take Britain out of the EU, and many on the Right have the honesty to say so. But public opinion

would reject such a wild proposition, and all our friends. including the Americans, would quickly point out its

folly.

The position of those who are politically pro-European but economically sceptical is more puzzling. They seem to hope that the European dev-elopment can be frozen on their terms, and refuse to recognise that further economic and political integration is inevitable. If they hold sway. Britain will opt out of the next stages of political and economic evolution for a few years. and then realise its mistake and rejoin the process on less advantageous terms.

Of course there are risks when radical new policies of economic and political interdependence are being pursued. But the biggest hurdles have already been overcome. The European Court of Justice, strengthened in the last decade, was important to the Thatcher Government in tackling cheating within the single market, and is working well. Monetary policies are converging across Europe, as are the economic cycles of the member states, though the poorer, less disciplined Mediterranean countries still have

The benefits of Further economic and monetary union are well economic chronicled - completion of the single and political market increased integration

competition, lower prices, lower inflais inevitable tion, lower interest rates, more investment and jobs. Its dangers are equally obvious, the inability of many members to meet the convergence crite-

> nme lears are overstated. High unemployment is driven by technology rainer inan brusseis. days, capital moves to locations with cheap, productive labour, rather than the other way round as in the industrial revolution. The minimum wage is a national rather than a European proposition, and the Social Chapter cannot force social security costs on unwilling members.

Monetary union will probably begin in two years' time, and there will be a number of initial starters: Germany. France, Austria, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland and possibly Finland. Other countries may have to start rather later: Italy, Spain. Portugal, as well as a more reluctant Sweden and Denmark. It may take Greece

longer to qualify.
It is perfectly feasible for Britain to be in at the outset, or for us to wait a while, but in the long term it is sensible to be an early rather than a late starter. But to rule ourselves out of monetary union now would be stupid and selfdestructive. Permanent selfexclusion would almost certainly lead to a wholly disastrous withdrawal from the EU. When the case for monetary union and for the EU is eventually put to the British people, it is likely that, as in 1975, the result will be resoundingly positive.



# See it Germany's way

icy we want to follow. Germany is the country with which we must in the end reach agreement; that would be true even in the extreme instance of Britain deciding to disengage from the European Union. At present, the German economy is going through a difficult period, with its highest unemployment since the 1930s. German industry has extremely high labour costs. Companies are investing massively overseas, exporting jobs in order to avoid the costs of German labour. German taxes are among the highest in Europe, and the attempts to reform social expenditure and taxation have achieved disapria from the outset being the pointingly little. Nevertheless, Germany is the geographical heartland of Europe, with the largest population

and the most powerful economy. The British need to understand the cultural and historical experience of Germany if we are to establish a more sympathetic relationship. In some ways, the British and the Germans, who are both Nordic and Protestant, have cultures much more like each other than either is to the big nations of the Latin and Catholic tradition, France, Italy and Spain. Yet Britain largely fails to understand the German attitude towards the future of Europe, and Germany largely fails to understand why the British public reacts as it does. In particular we should try harder to understand the achievements as well as the disasters of German history:

the two hang together. In the past 200 years, the Germans have experienced the shock of three great military defeats, first by Napoleon, then in 1918 and in 1945. Britain has not experienced anything remotely comparable to these devastating events. In each case, the Germans made a national response to the impact of defeat. In the 19th century, they developed a nationalist philosophy of the State, particularly in the writings of Fichte and Hegel, and worked, almost throughout the century, towards the unification of Bismarck in the 1860s and 1870s. The Prussian-led Empire which Bis-marck created was itself overthrown by defeat in 1918; that was followed by the financial collapse of the 1923 hyperinflation and the industrial collapse of the world slump in the early 1930s. The response in the 1930s was to take the cult of the State a The author is chairman of stage further, leading to Hitler's

Kohl's predicament is like Bismarck's.

Let's not make the same mistakes again

much more extreme doctrine of the authority of the leader, the Führerprinzip, and a naive, neo-Darwinist doctrine of competitive racial survival. Their conduct was incredibly brutal.

This regime led inevitably to the catastrophe of 1945. After the war, the Germans adopted the political doctrine of the victors, just as they had imitated Napoleon. They were particularly under the influence of the United States and the occupation of the American Zone. They then applied their traditional virtues of thoroughness and

efficiency to making the new democratic state work well. With the break up of the Soviet Union and the reunification of Germany in 1989, this post-1945 response could be

seen a historic success, just as the defeat of France in 1870 was the culmination of the Bismarck era.

The British have found it difficult to recognise the quality of this post-war success, and the solid virtues that were needed to produce it. Germans are rightly proud of the achievement of the past 50 years. Since 1945, Germany has been democratic, cooperative, productive and helpful to all the other nations of Europe. Britain's post-war record includes the withdrawal from Empire with extraordinarily little conflict and the economic liberalisation of the 1980s; that is by no means a bad achievement, but Germany's has been the greater of the two.

There are parallels between the situations of Chancellor Kohl's Germany and Bismarck's. In the 1970s. Germany suffered a severe industrial recession, in the 1880s Bismarck regarded Germany as a largely satisfied power, and his diplomacy was intended to protect his achievements. That phase of history ended in 1890. when Bismarck was dismissed by the young Kaiser Wilhelm II. The most notable thing about the Kaiser was that he did not know what to do next: his neurotic adventurism stemmed from both the instability of an insecure and disagreeable character

dictatorship. The Nazis added a and the absence of an agreed historic

Now Germany has come to another historic crossroads. Helmut Kohl wants to protect and perpetuate his achievements. He sees the monetary and political unification of Europe as the best way to do that. Yet sooner or later the grand old man will go. What should Germany do next? Of course it is not the great power that it was in the 1890s: then Germany was the dominant military power of the world's dominant continent: now it is a modest non-nuclear military power in a Europe that is certainly running

behind America and probably be-What Germany portant as it was a hundred years ago. but it is still impor-tant to Europe. Fear

of Germany is not justified, but any other European country has to come to terms with the reality of German influence. Last week. Professor Michael Stürmer, who runs a think-tank near Munich, was speaking in London about the problems of the single currency. He favours the single currency but sees the difficulties quite clearly. He believes that a single currency would promote world financial stability and help Germany as an

exporting nation. In London he pointed to two contradictions. The first is that the Germans regard the mark as the symbol of Germany's post-war success; the euro would have to be as good as the mark for them to accept it. German industry wants a relatively soft euro, believing that a euro that devalued the mark would help industry to export. The second contradiction lies in Professor Stürmer's fear that the

French will blame the Germans for a euro which the French associate with high unemployment, while the Germans will blame the French for a euro that is softer than the mark. If France wins control of the European Central Bank, that will signal a politicised euro, which the Germans are determined not to have.

Beyond Professor Stürmer's analysis lies an even more fundamental

of Christian Dior's "New Look" ex-

hibition, Field Marshal Lord

Bramall gave the opening address.

"Who is this geezer, anyway?", de-manded Newby, sloping off to find

a chair as Bramall recalled his

days on the parade ground.

question. Britain is not going to join the single currency, at least not in the first round. Yet it will be hard to keep Italy and Spain out. If the euro goes ahead, Germany will be the leader of a single currency, with a Latin majority of an unstable financial history. The currency markets will see Germany as the guarantor of a euro which is much weaker than the mark. This is not only a currency question, but the main European

question. Who will pay the bills? Each of the large European nations wants something different. The Germans want to create a Europe that preserves the very great post-war achievements of Germany. They want a currency as good as the mark and a political constitution for Europe remarkably like their own federal constitution. They want a Europe on the German model, but not at German expense.

ine French wani Europe, dominated by the skills of the French civil service. They are prepared to have a Europe which is German in form, because they think they can make it French in practice. The Italians want Europe to solve the political problems they have not been able to solve for themselves; they would also be happy to create Italian debts at German rates of interest. The Spanish like the European subsidies. Britain wants to remain an independent island nation while being part of the European system. France and Britain, in their different ways, both have an independent but nationalist point of view; Italy and Spain belong to a much

more dependent culture. The problem is to reconcile these different national objectives. The single currency proposal has made that more difficult. It is dividing rather than uniting Europe. What is certain is that nothing permanent can be achieved unless it satisfies Germany's interests and reassures German public opinion. After the election, Britain and Germany should at least try to talk out these national hopes and fears. In 1889, shortly before he fell, Bismarck put out feelers for an Angio-German entente: Lord Salisbury turned them down because he thought they would be anti-French. That mistake may have led, 25 years later, to the First World War. In 1997 Britain and Germany each need to develop an imaginative sympathy for the other's historic point of view. At present neither country is very good at doing that.

## Spare us political iustice

Magnus Linklater

on the need for judicial discretion

The honesty shown by Mr Justice Alliott was refreshing. After a month's trial, a full rehearsal of the evidence in court, and a conclusive verdict from the jury, he admitted that he "still did not know the whole truth" about the murder of Eve Howells. Yesterday, having given bimself an extra day to listen to background reports from defence counsel, he confirmed the sentences and said that in his view Mrs Howells's husband, David, bore more of the responsibility than their two sons, Glenn and John.

and in

Here was a judge exercising discretion — not so much with what Ed-mund Burke described as "the cold neutrality of an iropartial judge", but rather with the humanity of one concerned by the wider interests of justice. I guess that most of Judge Alliott's colleagues on the Bench approved of his action, however unusual. Their responsibilities, after all, do not end with the sentence: there is the nature of the punishment to consider, and that raises a wide range of questions. Is it right, for instance, to remand a 19-year-old woman on her first drug offence to a prison with a long record of suicides? Should a young tearaway on his third burglary be sent to join two hardened old lags in an overcrowded cell? Some judges — not many — go to the trouble of visiting the prisons to which they send those they have sentenced. It tempers the decisions they make; it makes for better justice.

That, however, is a million miles from the theme running through the Government's Crime (Sentencing) Bill, which comes before the Lords again today, or the Scottish Crime and Punishment Bill, which was debated on Tuesday. Both are informed more by retribution rather than by reason. The scope of judges to vary a sentence on the basis of individual cases is to be severely curtailed. On parole and remission, on automatic life sentences for certain offences, and on mandatory minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug-dealers - all areas where judges have traditionally exercised discretion - the punishment will be decreed by statute. The implication of both Bills is clear: judges can no longer be trusted to deal with the criminal element in Fustice, Lord Bingham, put it, judges are held to be "for some unexplained

reason indifferent to crime". It is an extraordinary notion, but one that influences both the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth. They believe that current sentencing policy favours the criminal at the expense of the victim to such an extent that the public is "scandalised" by it. The hostility of judges to the new Bills merely demonstrates how out of touch they are with popular opinion. Reform is urgently required.

ut if that is right, then the Gov-Bernment has been extraordina-rily inconsistent. As recently as 1993, as the Scottish judge Lord Mc-Cluskey pointed out in the Lords this week, a very different set of measures was introduced. The Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings Act set out standards of sentencing and parole in Scotland which harmonised with those in England, and were, in the view of the Government at the time, in the best interests of prisoners. prison officials and the public. This came after a long period of consultation, and confirmed a sentencing policy that allowed some criminals to serve as little as a half or two-thirds of their sentence. Now, it seems, just three years later, the public has

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meantime? It is not as if our jails are being emptied of criminals. Britain has the highest prison population in Europe, and it is growing so fast that very soon there will be a need to commission floating prison ships to accommodate it. This prison popu-lation is likely to become a cauldron of resentment with the virtual abolition of parole and the introduction of longer sentences. There is no sign that judges have become more lenient. On the contrary, they, as much as ministers, are only too aware of the risks they run in handing down sentences which are deemed too light. Nor is there anything in the crime statistics to suggest that in three years Britain has become intolerably Violent.

I for one will shrink from the judgment of history". in the end, however, most opinion will be less influenced by the stirring sounds of a constitutional battle than by the simple question of fairness. On the whole I would still prefer to be judged and sentenced by Mr Justice Allion on the ments of my case than

become suspicious of such laxity.

So what has happened in the

The answer lies, depressingly, in the Government's need to demonstrate that it is tough on law and order - and the Opposition's reluctance to challenge it. This leaves the judges to defend themselves. So far they are making a good fist of it, with defeats for the Government in the Lords, and an undoubted superiority when it comes to rhetoric. Lord Mc-Cluskey calls the legislation "arbitrary, ill-informed and populist". And Lord Bingham declares that "if our people's thinking is to be judged by the thinking which animates this Bill,

by the political instincts of Messrs Howard and Forsyth.

# Swanning in

THE TALK at the ballet barre concerns Diana, Princess of Wales. She is said to be a contender for the part of one of the 70 swans at an audition this Friday for a gala performance by the English National Bailet of Swan Lake at the Albert Hall in the summer.

The Princess is hoping to attend the selection audition of the swans at the Kensington rehearsal rooms of the ballet. Diana is a patron of the company and a close friend of its director, Derek Deane, and she has long shown a deep interest in

The performance in June will star Aliynai Asyl Muratova, the top tutu at the Kirov, who is considered by many to be the best female dancer in the world. Diana's experience extends to a twirl with Wayne Sleep and some moshing around while listening to

Dr Feelgood on her Walkman. There will be more swans in this production than ever before, and we hope the Princess will appear on stage." says a balleto-mane friend of Diana's. "She is planning to come to the audition and something may well come of it. Whatever happens she will be at the Albert Hall on the night."

Detention is in order for Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of School-masters and Union of Women Teachers. Yesterday The Times reported his attack on government plans to sack teachers if their pupils perform badly: "To call this lotest measure Victorian or draconian is an insult to Victoria and Dracula." Er, what? "Doesn't



"For the last time, I don't know why Italian footballers are better looking



Dracula come from Draconian?" asked a confused de Gruchy vesterday. Had there been more classics in schools, he might have known about Draco the ancient Athenian legislator. "Perhaps I should have stuck to Victoria," he conceded.

## Home turt

AFTER months of roaming the hotels of Knightsbridge, the Italy and Chelsea footballer Gianluca Vialli has found a permanent pad close to Sloane Square. Vialli looked at it in August, but months of renovations and waiting for his girlfriend's approval mean he only decided to take it, as England took on Italy last night.

The flat has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and according to his agent, Atholl Still, is "modest". It is close to Vialli's preferred Italian

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restaurants, San Lorenzo, a favourite of the Princess of Wales, and L'Incontro, where the owner, Gino as in Ginelli" Santini, is thrilled. "Gianhica is a close friend and it's great to have him near. He comes in twice a week, but takes care of himself. Tiramisu and no grappa."

## Old look

FASHIONABLE society holds no lears for Eric Newby, soldier, writer and conqueror of the Hindu Kush. At a reception on Tuesday night at the Imperial War Museum to mark the 50th anniversary



Eric Newby: selectively impressed

Next up was the Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley. Newby's verdict: "I think she rather likes the sound of her own voice." Relief came in the form of Darcey Bussell, prima ballerina at the Royal Ballet, whose message was brief. "What's her name?" slavered Newby. Could you write it down for me?

Reports that Elton John would be giving two concerts in Hong Kong to mark the colony's handover to the Chinese appear to be premature. Sadly for the Governor, Chris Patten, who is something of a fan, the gigs will not be taking place because John's amplifiers are too loud for Hong Kong's noise restrictions.

## Heart to heart

ROMANTIC of the week in this most romantic of weeks is Fred Ingrams, son of the former Private Eye Editor Richard - who is himself living with a young blonde of recent acquaintance.

Fred, a divorcee and terrific



Romantics Ingrams and Arie

painter is 33 on St Valentine's Day and is engaged to Laura Arie, with whom he has set up a design company Arie & Ingrams. The couple met at House & Garden, where both worked in the design department. To mark their commitment, they will tomorrow present each other with silver gilt loving cups adorned with cockle heart shells.

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## **Jobless** figure at lowest in six years

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE number of jobless fell to 1.815,300 in January, the low-est level for six years, giving a rate of 6.5 per cent. The fall was the second-biggest seasonally adjusted reduction since modern unemployment records began in January 1971.

Adjusted unemployment is now down by 1,165,800 since its peak in December 1992, and is down by 391,500 over the past year alone.

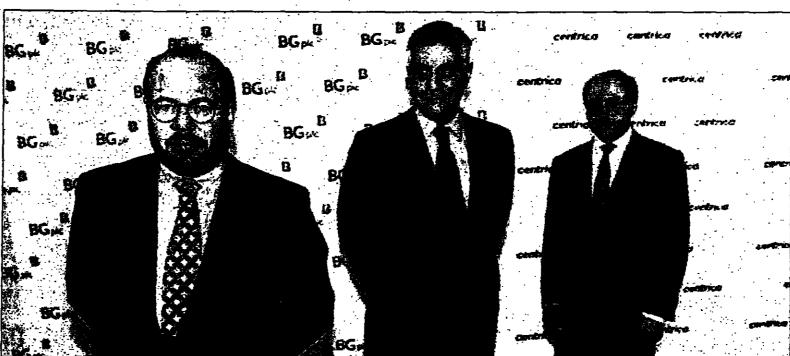
However, unadjusted unemployment — the precise number of people out of work and claiming benefit - rose, by 39,550 to 1,907,756. A large seasonal adjustment factor of 107,200 for January, when many people lose temporary jobs after Christmas, led to the fall in the adjusted total.

Whitehall officials again suspended estimation of the falling trend in unemployment, mainly because of so far unquantifiable effects on the claimant count of the introduction of the Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). Since the JSA came in, the average monthly fall in unemployment has leapt to 63,900, against 19,300 over the previous six months and 16,100 over the previous 12 months.

Labour attacked the JSA effect on the count. David Blunkett, the party's employment spokesman, issued a 12 page analysis of it, and said: "137,000 people have disapcount since October 1996, not because they have found a job but solely as a result of the introduction of JSA."

The drop substantially exceeded market expectations, and City analysts also criticised the JSA effect. Kevin Darlington, of Hoare Govett, said that the ISA "means these numbers come with a health warning",

Pennington, page 29



Richard Giordano, centre, with David Varney, left, chief executive of BG, and Roy Gardiner, chief executive of Centrica, in Birmingham yesterday

# Clarke rebuffs Bank's calls for higher rates

By JANET BUSH AND PHILIP WEBSTER

KENNETH CLARKE insisted yesterday that there was no need to increase base rates even as the Bank of England repeated its calls for tighter money.

The Chancellor's determination to neutralise the messge of the Bank of England's latest Inflation Report, published yesterday, was clear in his decision to give a number of high-profile radio and television interviews as well as to comment at length on the Wirral South campaign trail. In its Inflation Report, the Bank repeated its call for a modest rise in rates. As expected, the Bank revised upwards its longer-term forecast for underlying inflation to about 3

the Abbey National, but Tesco

is hoping to regain the lead

among the supermarkets sell-

ing financial services through

Peter Wood, now a consultant with the business, Direct Line

has built up a commanding

the Direct Line connection. Under the leadership of

end of its two-year forecasting period. This is well above the Government's target of 2.5 per cent or less. This assumption, as always in the Inflation Report, is based on un-

changed interest rates. However, Mervyn King, the Bank's director of economics. admitted that he does not is needed and that sterling's sharp rise has created "huge uncertainty" in the short-term Howard Davies, deputy

governor, said on Tuesday that the Chancellor and the Bank only disagreed over a quarter point, an assertion confirmed by Mr Clarke. The Chancellor said: "The Governor and myself have a slight difference of opinion about

where inflation will be in a couple of years' time and I reckon he's a quarter of 1 per cent wrong." He said the economy was recovering extremely strongly, but showed no signs of speeding up and that he was not at the stage where he had to put the monetary brakes on. it appears that the Bank's

view of rates has, if anything, the December monetary meeting, the Bank said that if the Chancellor refused to raise rates by a quarter point it would then push for a halfpoint rise in January and February. Now it seems that the debate revolves around only a quarter point again.

The key area of disagreement is over the impact of the exchange rate, which the Chancellor has repeatedly de-

The Bank said the outlook for inflation in the short term had improved since November. since when sterling has risen 7 per cent. It now forecasts that underlying inflation will drop to a trough of well below 2.5 per cent in the second half of this year. It is then forecast to

rise throughout 1998. The Bank said that short run, sterling's rise would lead to a fall in inflation as import prices fell. This, it argues. is primarily a one-off impact on domestic prices rather than a continuing force reducing the underlying rate of inflation. After that, sterline's strength is likely to continue to damp down inflation because it will cut net trade, but the

extent of this will depend on

why the pound has risen and

remain strong. Overall, the pound's rise is temporary. Alistair Darling, Shadow

Chief Secretary, said the dispute between Mr Clarke and the Governor called into question the strength of the recovery "What is clear from what the Governor is saying is that he doesn't believe the Chancellar is going to meet his inflation target by the end of this Parliament, something he

has always promised. The dispute between the Governor and the Chancellor of the Exchequer not only exposes the fundamental weaknesses in the British economy, but it is also deeply destabilising and it does cast doubt on whether this recov-

## **British** Gas job cuts out of control

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH GAS yesterday admitted that job losses at the company had run out of control and revealed that by the end of this month it will have cut 35,000 jobs since 1993. The toll overshoots the original target set out four years ago by 10,000. It is also 5,000 more than a revised plan outlined 18 months ago.

Richard Giordano, chairman, detailed the job losses at the extraordinary meeting in Birmingham to approve the demerger of British Gas into two companies. Only a handful of shareholders showed dissenting voting cards to the resolution. More than 330,000 Sids had voted by proxy on the demerger, voting ten to one in favour. The opponents were largely rallied by Noel Falconer, long-time antagonist of the British Gas board and a proponent of waiting before

demerging. British Gas will, from Monday, become two companies -Centrica, the gas supply busi-ness with a stake in the Morecambe Bay gasfield, and BG, the TransCo and international activities business.

Further job cuts have been threatened by the company, depending on the outcome of pricing controls for the pipelines business, which are before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Giordano conce the job losses had run too quickly to maintain important skills in the business and had led to a lot of British Gas's ser-

vice problems. He said that the large redundancy programme meant jobs disappeared from the business at too fast a pace to maintain service levels. "It had got out of control" Mr Giordano said after the

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#### Wall Street above 6,900

Wall Street soared last industrial average above the 6,900 mark for the first time. By the close the Dow was up 103.52 points at 6961.63, a record close.

The previous high was reached on January 21 when the Dow closed at 6,883.90. In the broader market the Standard & Poor's and the NYSE composite indexes also set new highs. Markets, page 30

## **Financial services** in store at Tesco

By MARTIN WALLER

TESCO will today fire the latest shot in the supermarket wars with the launch of an instore service to provide both a credit card and a range of financial services, including mortgages, in a joint venture with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

At the heart of the scheme is the Royal Bank's Direct Line insurance subsidiary. Customers of Tesco will be able to obtain online insurance and other financial products at special outlets in selected stores at the same time as they buy their groceries. The plans have been under

development for months, but both companies had hoped to keep them under wraps until the official launch. Terry Leahy, Tesco's chief executive, refused to respond to calls from The Times last night.

The news comes days after Safeway launched its own debit card and J Sainsbury was awarded a banking licence. Tesco's plans are thought to include a new card that will allow goods to be bought on credit and pay interest on

ABC Bonus Account card, operated in conjunction with

BILL MUIRHEAD, one of the founders of M&C Saatchi, the advertising agency

which invented the "New Labour, New

Danger" slogan for the Conservatives,

has been brought in to help the Millennium exhibition at Greenwich as

Mr Muirhead will go on secondment

from M&C, but will be paid by the new

company being set up to run the

director of communications.

### **Toymaker** outlaws Barbie disc

and her Magic Horse.

lead in the provision of insurance services by telephone. Tesco already has a debit card provided by the National Westminster, but this does not provide a credit facility. Sainsbury is likely to launch its own bank by the end of this month in conjunction with the Royal Bank's rival, the Bank

out an injunction against six leading toy and computer products retailers, including Dixons and Toys 'R' Us. It stops them selling Barbie and Her Magic Horse and demands that they destroy all their stocks and supply the names and addresses of anyone to whom it has sold the CD-Rom. Neither Lovell White

Durrant nor Mattel would discuss why they had asked for this information and would not comment on whether they would be trying to reclaim the CD-Roms from customers.

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## **National Power** in pension action

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

According to the summons. National Power used some of the surplus to take a contributions holiday from the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme

The ESPS, which has more than 218,000 members and assets exceeding £14 billion, produced more money than it needed to meet its obligations

in 1992 and again in 1995. chemes' members.

the scheme or whether it had used the surpluses to pay for redundancies. However, latest available figures show that the number of employees contributing to the scheme has fallen from 10,000 to 4,452 in the past five years. The scheme has £2.3 billion in assets.

The company also denied that it was preventing the scheme's 30,000 members from complaining to Dr Farrand. However, the Pensions Ombudsman's office confirmed that it was unable to investigate cases under Both sides were unaware of

any complaints having been made by former or existing National Power employees. National Power added that it was seeking clarification in the interests of the company.

employees and pensioners. National Power is the first of

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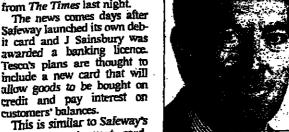
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salary, being paid out of a budget expected to include £200 million of

lottery funding, has not been disclosed, but he is one of the best-paid people in

the advertising business.
While at Saatchi & Saatchi, which he

left dramatically two years ago, he ran

the US operation and was paid an

annual salary of \$550,000, plus a car, a

free apartment in one of the best areas

of New York and a bonus equal to I per

# By Jason Nisse

THE prospect has been of lawyers from Mattel, the toymaker, reclaiming CD-Roms from children's computers after it took out a restraining order to prevent sales or distribution of a game called Barbie

Mattel claims that the game, which is not made by its recently formed interac-tive offshoot, infringes the trademark for its doll Mattel has been launching its own computer games, including Barbie Fashion. Lovell White Durrant, Mattel's lawyer, has taken

National Power would not say how much it had taken from

The role at Millennium Central has

been created by Bob Ayling, the British Airways chief executive who is also

chairman of Millennium Central. Mr

Ayling is a close friend of Lord Saatchi,

who was recently made a working

Conservative peer, and BA is one of the main clients of M&C.

Millennium Commission, has also

Jenny Page, the former head of the

NATIONAL POWER has issued a summons against the nine trustees of its pension scheme in an attempt to get legal approval for its use of pension surpluses in 1993 and

The highly unusual move follows last week's ruling by Julian Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman, against National Grid. Dr Farrand ordered National Grid to pay back £46.3 million of surpluses it had used to fund redundancies and early retirements. The ruling has landed the electricity industry with a potential £1 billion bill.

It has been a matter of great controversy whether such surpluses belong to companies sponsoring schemes or the

the 21 power companies to go law since the decision. although National Grid is likely to appeal against the Ombudsman later this month.

The summons was issued by Linklaters & Paines, National Power's solicitor. Among the trustees it names are Hugh Feldon, Raymond Smith and

Millennium exhibition job for Muirhead

been tempted to Millennium Central. where she is now chief executive. Her move came only weeks before the commission met to decide whether to grant the project the lowery funding it needs to get off the ground. Meanwhile

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Mr Ayling and Michael Heseltine, the 0800 317477 Deputy Prime Minster, have been approaching business leaders to try to elecit their support for the project.

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C&W nets £40m in

CABLE AND WIRELESS yesterday sold half of its stake in a

Swedish telecommunications company for £46 million as it

sheds peripheral investments before the launch of Cable and

wireless Communications. The sale of 5.5 per cent of NetCom Systems, which owns Tele2, Sweden's second-largest phone company, and Comvig. GSM, a mobile phone operation, resulted in a net gain of £40 million for C&W. The company retains a 4.6 per cent stake, but will probably sell it this year. Stephen Pettit, director of C&W's European operations, said the sale was timed to take advantage of the strong recent

said the sale was timed to take advantage of the strong recent performance of NetCorn shares. C&W is getting rid of investments in telecoms companies over which it has little

control. It wants to divert its financial and management resources to the creation of Cable and Wireless Communications of the creation of the creation of Cable and Wireless Communications of the creation of the creati

tions, the merger of Mercury Communications and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable companies. CWC is to be floated on the Stock Exchange in the spring.

Rexam agrees US sale

REXAM, the UK materials and packaging group, has agreed to sell the assets and operations of Otis Specialty Papers, a US subsidiary, to Wausau Paper Mills for about £36 million. The disposal, and that of a smaller Indonesian business called PT Rexam Mulox to Bulkpak, form part of a planned divestment programme, announced last year and intended to shed businesses with a combined annual turnover of £303 million. Otis had turnover of £54 million.

COFFEE prices reached a 15-month high yesterday but cocoa

Swedish disposal

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SHAREHOLDERS of British Gas convening in Birmingham yesterday to approve the company's demerger were in comparatively genial mood, compared with the wholesale anger of two years ago when Cedric Brown, the

chief executive, was in danger of being lynched. Richard Giordano faced just one attempt to oust him as chairman, another to stop him chairing the Birmingham meeting and a

stream of complaints over customer service. Opening the floor to questions from the 470 shareholders, his plea to them "not to devote time to individual service complaints" sounded unduly optimistic — this was the company that harassed thousands of customers with red reminders without the courtesy of an initial bill; that left customers on service contracts with non-functioning central heating systems in the depths of winter; and answered the phone within a reasonable period only 40 per cent of

The first move to get Mr Giordano, knight of the British Empire for services to industry. removed as chairman was made by Neville Goldrein, a former Conservative council leader on Merseyside, who has had a running battle with British Gas over direct debit problems for nearly a year. To applause from around the room he accused Mr Giordano of heading a management that had led the company to

Next came Simon Israel, from London, who accused Mr Giordano, a former New York

lawyer, of "arrogance and bullying tactics". Mr Giordano survived both attempts. He must be looking forward to the chairmanship of BG the rump of British Gas minus its domestic

British Gas will be hoping that in its incarnation as Centrica, the retail division can begin to put its problems behind it and work at establishing a company that is not a laughing stock for service. But some shareholders believe those problems should have been addressed before British Gas decided to split its interests.

## **Earnings** growth at highest for

GROWTH in average earnings

The rise, coupled with continuing big drops in the jobless figures, has increased fears of

Although technically underlying average earnings growth remained unchanged in the vear to December at 4.25 per cent, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics, the level was masked by an upward revision to the figure for November.

The overall earnings growth figure is now at its highest since February 1993.

Underlying growth of earn-ings in manufacturing industry rose for the first time in five months — also by a quarter point to 4.75 per cent, its highest level since May 1995. Earnings in the production

sector saw their second consecutive monthly rise - now up a full half-point in two months, also to 4.75 per cent, which is their highest level since July 1995.

But productivity is also rising fast, with output per head in manufacturing 1.3 per cent higher in the three months ending December compared with a similar period a year earlier. This is the largest rise since August 1994, and productivity is now at its highest level since August 1995.

City analysts saw the rise in average earnings as an increase in inflationary pressures.



coffee prices reached a 15-month high yesternay but octors moved sharply lower. The International Coffee Organisation's daily coffee market indicator price jumped to \$1.221 a pound from \$1.950, the highest level since mid-November 1995. Coffee prices have now risen by 33.4 per cent since the start of the year. The International Cocoa Organisation's daily market indicator was \$1,349.64 a ton yesterday, down from \$1,364.65 and the lowest level since last March.

Telecoms pact progress A GLOBAL pact to liberalise the \$600 billion telecoms trade

Coffee price rises

is on track before Saturday's deadline, boosted by new offers from Canada and the European Union to open up markets further, negotiators said yesterday. The EU tabled a final and more liberal proposal and Canada offered to ease controls on its domestic satellite market, while more countries were expected to revise offers listing how far they are ready to open

## Record Holdings up

RECORD HOLDINGS, the manufacturer and distributor of metal and woodworking tools, increased pre-tax profits to £3.5 million from £2.95 million in 1996. Earnings were 6.4p a share (5.3p). The total dividend is lifted to 3.75p a share (3.6p), with a final 2.6p. The shares rose 6½p to 66½p. Trading conditions remained difficult and selling prices were hurt by the strength of sterling. Against this, profits benefited from further improvements in manufacturing efficiency.

#### **Court victory for BA**

BRITISH AIRWAYS won a decisive courtroom victory against John Gorman, who claims to have been fed broken glass by the airline during a flight and to have subsequently been the tar of corporate bullying. Mr Corman, who was seeking compensation, had his case thrown out of the Central London county court because he had failed to turn up for his original hearing last November and because of doubts over his medical evidence. Mr Gorman intends to appeal against the ruling.

#### ITT spurns Hilton bid

ITT has rejected Hilton Hotels' unsolicited \$6.5 billion takeover offer as inadequate and not in the best interests of shareholders. It said the \$55-a-share Hilton offer did not reflect the inherent value of ITT, which owns and operates Sheraton hotels and Caesars casinos in Nevada and New Jersey. On Tuesday, Hilton named 11 candidates for ITT's current board seats, and 14 others who could be added if ITT attempts to thwart its bid by boosting the number of board members.

#### PIA to shrink board

THE Personal Investment Authority, watchdog for firms that sell direct to the public, is to cut its board from 21 directors to 17 at its annual meeting, on July 8. Of the four leaving, Sir John Bailey and Sir Leonard Peach represent the "public interest" and Lawrence Churchill and Allan Daffern represent "practioners". Joe Palmer, chairman, said that the reduction would bring the board down to a more manageable size while maintaining adequate practitioner and public-interest input.

#### Eagle Star expands

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE (Ireland), a subsidiary of BAT, is acquiring Irish National Insurance from New Ireland Holdings for IrE30 million. The acquisition will almost double Eagle Star's general insurance premium income in the Republic and will increase its market share to more than 10 per cent. The joint premium income of Eagle Star and Irish National was in excess of IrE140 million in 1995. During that year Irish National earned pre-tax profits of IrE3.2 million.

## Clyde remains hopeful

CLYDE PETROLEUM claims it still has a chance of defeating the £494 million takeover bid from Gulf Canada Resources despite the bidder buying more shares in the market yesterday to lift its stake 1.9 per cent to 29.7 per cent. Malcolm Gourlay, Clyde chairman, said PDFM, which sold a 14 per cent stake on Tuesday, was always expected to sell. He said Norwich Union, Schroders and Capital Group, which together own about 36 per cent of Clyde, have yet to make up their minds.

# BCC joins 'neutrals' in run-up to election

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

cial election for business in decades, leaders of chambers of commerce said yesterday as they set out a business agenda for an incoming government.

The British Chambers of

Commerce (BCC) also became the latest business organisation not to endorse the Conservatives, preferring instead to adopt a strictly politically neutral stance in the run-up to the election campaign.

The BCC's declaration of political neutrality is in line with similar statements from the Confederation of British Industry and even the freemarket Institute of Directors.

BCC leaders acknowledged that the majority of small firms which affiliated to local chambers of commerce would probably tend to be Conservative supporters, although they

#### Siebe offers £46m for Whessoe

SIEBE, the engineering company, has revealed a E46 million agreed bid for Whessoe, the manufacturing group based in northeast England. The surprise bid values Whessoe at 155p a share, against a closing price of 90p on Tuesday. A share alternative to the cash bid will offer 31 new Siebe shares for each 200 Whessoe.

Whessoe's fortunes have been rising since a subsidiary. Coggins Systems. won an order from the US

Whessoe shares closed 65½p up, at 155½p. Siebe shares fell 25p, to 96412p. Tempus, page 30

BRITAIN faces the most cru- also said it was likely that some managers and owners of the 100,000 member companies would support Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Ministers regard the adoption of political neutrality by Britain's principal business bodies as giving support to Labour, which they feel sure individual companies do not feel. But BCC leaders denied that in not endorsing the programme of any one political party they were undermining what the Conservatives have seen previously as a natural area of support.

lan Peters. BCC deputy direc-tor-general, said: "We are not interested in arguing the case for any one party. We want every political party to respond

to the business agenda."

Dr Peters described the coming poll as "one of the most crucial elections for business in decades" and added: "Whatever the result of the election, politicians must listen to business if the health of the British economy is to be sustained and progressed.

Business leaders and politicians will examine the pros-pects for business under a Labour government at a con-ference held by the Adam Smith Institute. But before today's conference the BCC published 12 detailed policy briefs, covering key issues for business in the coming election, and urged the political parties to tailor their programmes to meet the needs of

They included calls for macroeconomic stability, investment in training and education, a "positive" role in Europe, retention of the social chapter opt-out and rejection of a minimum wage, mainte-nance of the UK's business support network and further progress on deregulation, es-



Bob Ellis, left, chief executive of Visual Action Holdings, and Digby Davies. finance director, reported a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £8.3 million for 1996. There is a final dividend of 29p, which makes a maiden total of 4.1p.

## Ronson ties up £200m Heron deal

ecutive of the Heron property group, confirmed that he is on the comeback trail yesterday with a £200 million deal to develop a 500 acre site in South Wales (Sarah Cunningham writes).

It is the second big deal in recent weeks for Mr Ronson. who was jailed for six months

Guinness affair. In December Mr Ronson announced a £100 million property investment and development programme in Spain and the United Kingdom.

According to a Heron spokesman, the two deals are "the tip of the loeberg" and other large projects in the UK and continental Europe are on their way. On the continent, the company is understood to be most keen on projects in France and Spain. Heron also has ambitions in the UK and was one of the groups interested in buying Canary Wharf in London.

in South Wales, Heron

Land Developments, a subsid- a bypass for Chepstow.

plans to develop 2,000 new homes and 2.5 million sq ft of industrial and commercial space on the site, which is near Chepstow. The company believes the

project could create up to 2,500 jobs over the next seven years. The scheme includes plans for

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#### DeLorean victory for Andersen

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, the accountancy firm, claimed another victory in the 12-yearold DeLorean case after a federal judge in the Southern District Court of New York ruled that the British Government would have to refile its claims in state court if it wanted to pursue the matter

(Eric Reguly writes).

COUTTS, banker to the

The Department of Economic Development issued a writ against the accountancy firm in 1955. It alleged conspiracy. fraud, negligence and incompetence in auditing DeLorean Motors, the Belfast sports car manufacturer that collapsed in 1092, wiping out the Govern-ment's US million investment. Arthur Andersen has always maintained that the Government's political goals took pri-

onty over the factory's

commerciai risks.

## Hearing against mother delayed

By CAROLINE MERRELL

Queen, yesterday delayed bankruptcy proceedings against Rebecca Mills, a 41year-old mother of three, after intervention by The Times. The bank, which is reputed to have waived bank charges worth £500,000 on the Duchess of York's £4.3 million overdraft, had issued bankruptcy proceedings against Mrs Mills because of the actions of her husband, Sebastian, from whom she is now separated. Mrs Mills has nev-

er been a customer of Courts. Seven years ago she signed over the house in which she now lives and another properfor his business.

ty to her husband as security The company later collapsed with debts of £172,000. Courts is refusing to com-

Mr Mills is no longer in Britain. One of the properties has been repossessed by the Britannia Building Society. The bankruptcy proceedings could have led to Mrs Mills losing the property in which she lives. That is estimated to be worth £70,000.

Mrs Mills, who receives income support, said: "There is already an outstanding debt to Barclays on this property so Courts would have very little to gain by bankrupting me." After a report earlier this week in The Times, Courts has agreed to meet Mrs Mills to try to sort out the problems and has put off the bankruptcy hearing that was scheduled

## Film division in the black while overall profits fall

## Polygram roused by Sleepers

By Alasdair Murray

BOY office hits that included Trainspotting. Fargo and Sleepers helped Polygram's film division to move into profit for the first time last year although weak music growth held back overall profits at the entertainment company.

The film division turned in a small profit in the second half, halving full-year iosses to 35 million guilders (El l million). The company's best box office performer was Sleepers, which grossed \$106 million. while the British film Trainspotting took \$73 million worldwide. Fargo has been nominated for seven Oscars, including best film and best director. New films scheduled for release this year include Bean, with Rowan Atkinson, and Gin-

gerbread Man. directed by Robert die sold 3.9 million. The music division Altman and starring Kenneth Branagh. lifted sales by 5 per cent overall, selling a lifted sales by 5 per cent overall, selling a total of 34 million albums. But profits Polygram - which is 75 per cent owned by Philips, the Dutch group - said profits fell 18 per cent after tax and were hurt by a fall in margins as a result extraordinary items to 608 million guil-ders. The company took a 114 million

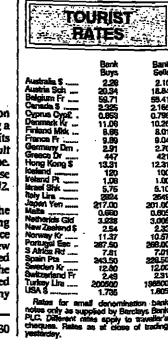
guilder charge for a restructuring of its music division that included moving the Motown record label from Los Angeles Alain Levy, chief executive, blamed slower music industry growth and lower than expected sales from international pop stars for the decline. No Polygram artist sold more than five million albums

last year, although To the Faithful De-

parted by The Cranberries sold 4.4 mil-lion copies and Bryan Adams's 18 till 1

of retail pressures in the US and Europe. New albums are scheduled for release this year by the Bee Gees, Elton John, UZ Pulp and Van Morrison. US would remain difficult in the coming

Mr Levy said the music market in the year and film operations would face heavy costs from the launch of the new US distribution operation. But he added that the company was optimistic that the benefits of its restructuring would feed through this year and that the company would return to long-term growth.



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THERE used to be a terribly

useful little book called How to Lie with Statistics. This went through all the tricks whereby

black could be proven to be white

by the selective mangling of the relevant numbers.

There must a be few copies

lying around at the Office for National Statistics. The numbers

on jobs and earnings are increas-

ingly haywire, yet they are supposed to be the dials mon-

itored on the bridge as they steer

shown himself happy to ignore those dials if they conflict with

now surrounds the unemploy-

ment figures. There were some

worrying aspects to yesterday's bundle of labour market data.

First, the number of jobless. This is actually an administrative count of the number of people who have got through the bureaucracy, which is designed to head off a fixed percentage on the way, and claimed benefits.

That they count the unemployed

The introduction of the Job-

seeker's Allowance to replace the old benefit will take time to play

is a mere by-product.

In reality, Kenneth Clarke has

the ship of state.

know? Not too far from where John was brought up, and does that sound like a winner to you?

Michael, all you are going to get

is a few local yokels wandering

Second, this dome. Great idea

but a bit Sixties, you know, a bit

Bucky Fuller? And you want to fill it with the Best of British?

Best of British what? British coal,

maybe? Sorry, Michael, I forgot.

This is going to define your Government. Or maybe the next one. Sorry, that was tactless too. Anyway, what is your greatest achievement? Deregulation,

Michael. Under the Tories you

can buy an aubergine at mid-night. You can buy pecorino cheese on a Sunday afternoon. Michael, Millenium Central is

a great name for an upmarket

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market.

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## Lies, and damned lies

through. No one, not even the Bank, let alone the squirming statisticians in Whitehall, can at this stage be sure of its effect.

What is clear, as the City realises, is that the jobless figures are even more hopelessly distorted than the politicians claim, and may remain so for months to come - to the annovance of ministers, who want to his own views on base rates, even if they point firmly to red. But let us set aside the traditional political shoulder-charging that proclaim a clear success on jobs in time for the election.

The distortion arrives thus. Of yesterday's 67,800 people who found jobs since the last monthly count, no one can say how many thousands had previously worked and claimed benefit and been forced out of the black economy by the JSA. As a measure of economic performance, the figure is meaningless. A new government, of whatever political hue, should swiftly introduce a monthly version of the currently quarterly Labour Force Survey count as an alternative - and better - way

of measuring jobs. The rise in earnings yesterday was also worrying, once you strip off the thin disguise in front of the figures. Increasingly, earnings increases are not charted month by month. The earnings figures remain unchanged, yet at

the same time they increase. How is this done? By revising the previous month's figure up-wards, and then claiming that the latest month is in line with that revision. Result: higher earnings which never seem to rise. Pay increases at their high-est level now for four years should really sound alarm bells for inflation and interest rates. Or not. It all depends how you chose to read the numbers.

#### PFI works — as a form of health fudge

☐ USE of the Private Finance Initiative in the health sector will lead to the privatisation of the NHS. So says received wisdom from the left. Labour has made it very clear that it does not feel bound by commitments made by

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with PFI money.

For a long time that was only an empty threat. While builders have long been hacking through rural hills and hedges to build PFI motorways, the PFI hos-pitals have only just had their umbilical cords cut.

Tarmac won a contract to build a new hospital in south London this week. Others are close to birthing. Labour critics have been so quiet that they could be in the intensive care unit. Why are they no longer crying foul over such spending of

what is public money? The answer must be that

Labour has rightly reinterpreted the PFI as a weapon against, rather than a tool in, the Tory's free market aims. Under the PFI, private companies spend funds on public sector capital projects. The funds are later reimbursed

plus a healthy interest payment. Rather than leading to the wholesale introduction of private companies into the health service, the PFI only cements the state's role in the provision of health care. Instead of the Gov-ernment reducing its financial exposure towards the NHS, the PFI increases it.

So the scheme is an elaborate form of long-term government borrowing via construction companies and their banks — but at higher interest rates. The PFI also creates more bureaucracy and longer waiting lists because the Government demands that health authorities explore the use of PFI money before they tap public funds.

The privatisation of the NHS is the logical though not the necessary conclusion to the To-

around with their thumbs in their mouths and their wallets closed. Sorry to sound so uptight, ries' reforms. Whether this will or should happen is highly questionable. But the PFI is not Michael, but I just got back from there, and the traffic makes the Strand look like Route 66. the answer. At best it is a fudge.

#### Millennium

#### vision

□ A CROSSED line yesterday allowed us to eavesdrop on a call from London's adland to the Palace of Westminster. Poor sound quality rendered only one side of the conversation audible. Michael! It's been too long. 1 gree, the red tears were not one

of our best, but there is some-

thing about an Ulster accent that kind of wears you down, you know? Anyway, as they say in my game, the client loved it. This Millennium is a vision thing. If you can look at a few acres of polluted land in Greenwich and see the future of Great Britain, you've got vision. Can I just run a few ideas past you?

foodstore. Close to the West End or Knightsbridge? Chefs are the new rock-and-roll, right? Maybe Terry Conran — I know, but people change their minds. I love you, Michael. Trust me.
That other thing. We have field-tested it, and Michael Howard is, marketing-wise, a totally non-viable proposition. Ciao. First, Greenwich. Not good, and we have the vox pops to prove it. This is south of the river, you

## LAL raises provision as profits soar 30%

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

LLOYDS ABBEY LIFE, the December LAL said it expected bancassurance subsidiary of Lloyds TSB, has reported a 30 per cent increase in profits and has set aside extra cash to cover pensions mis-selling compensation.

The insurer said performance across all its divisions had improved, and pre-tax profits for the full year to December 31 were up from £422 million to £548 million. Figures for the previous year included a £35 million loss from the disposal of Trans Leben, LAL's German

The company has bolstered compensation provision for customers who might have been mis-sold personal pensions by almost £14 million. bringing the total provision to £98.6 million.

Yesterday's results will be the last separate declaration of results after the company be-came a wholly owned subsid-iary of Lloyds TSB last



Maran: customer focus

to make £50 million cost savings over three years and reiterated its interest in a mutual life insurer with distribution through independent financial advisers. It refused to say whether it intended to bid for Scottish Amicable.

Pre-tax profits from life assurance in Abbey Life Assurance and Black Horse Financial Services rose 23 per cent to £327 million (£266 million), while sales of life, pensions and unit trusts were

Lloyds Bank Insurance Services profits were up 44 per cent on increased loan vol-umes and share of underwriters' profits, while Black Horse Agencies, the estate agent, returned to profitability with pre-tax profits of £4 million. Although house exchanges were up 19 per cent on 1995, they are still 44 per cent below

New unit trust business, which includes the sale of personal equity plans, was up 56 per cent to £505 million (£323 million), with regular and single premium sales showing smaller rises.

Stephen Maran, LAL chief executive, said the rise in profits reflected a continuing ocus on customer needs and increased operational efficiencies. Shares in Lloyds TSB rose 62p to 4982p. Analysts were upbeat about the figures, saying prospects for this year and next looked attractive.

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## Cadbury wraps up purchase

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

CADBURY SCHWEPPES, the confectionary and soft drinks company, yesterday moved to grab a bigger piece of the Middle Eastern chocolate market with the purchase of Birn Birn, the leading Egyp-

tian confectionary company.

Cadbury said that, combined with Cadbury Egypt, its existing company in the region, it would ensure market leadership and place the company in a strong position to handle from further company. benefit from further growth.

The price paid for the family-owned company was not disclosed, although Bim Bim is expected to show sales up 7 per cent in 1996 to £32 million. The company had net tangible assets valued at £35 million at

the end of 1995. Birn Birn has a 26 per cent share of the Egyptian market and exports throughout the region, giving it a 13 per cent share of the total Middle Eastern and North African

Cadbury also announced yesterday that it intends to redeem all its series three to six preference shares at the orginal issue price of \$500,000. The total cost of redemption will be about £107 million and will be met from existing resources.

## Ushers float expected to raise £40m

By Alasdair Murray USHERS of Trowbridge, the

regional brewer, is expected to raise about £40 million next month in a float predicted to value it at up to £130 million.
The company, which has 542 pubs, will use the money to reduce debt of £65 million and to invest in the business.

In a pathfinder prospectus out yesterday, Ushers said it would invest £6.7 million in its retail estate, and expected a rate of return to exceed the corrent target of 20 per cent. Ushers said that it can double capacity for contract brewing at its Trowbridge site, for an estimated cost of E9

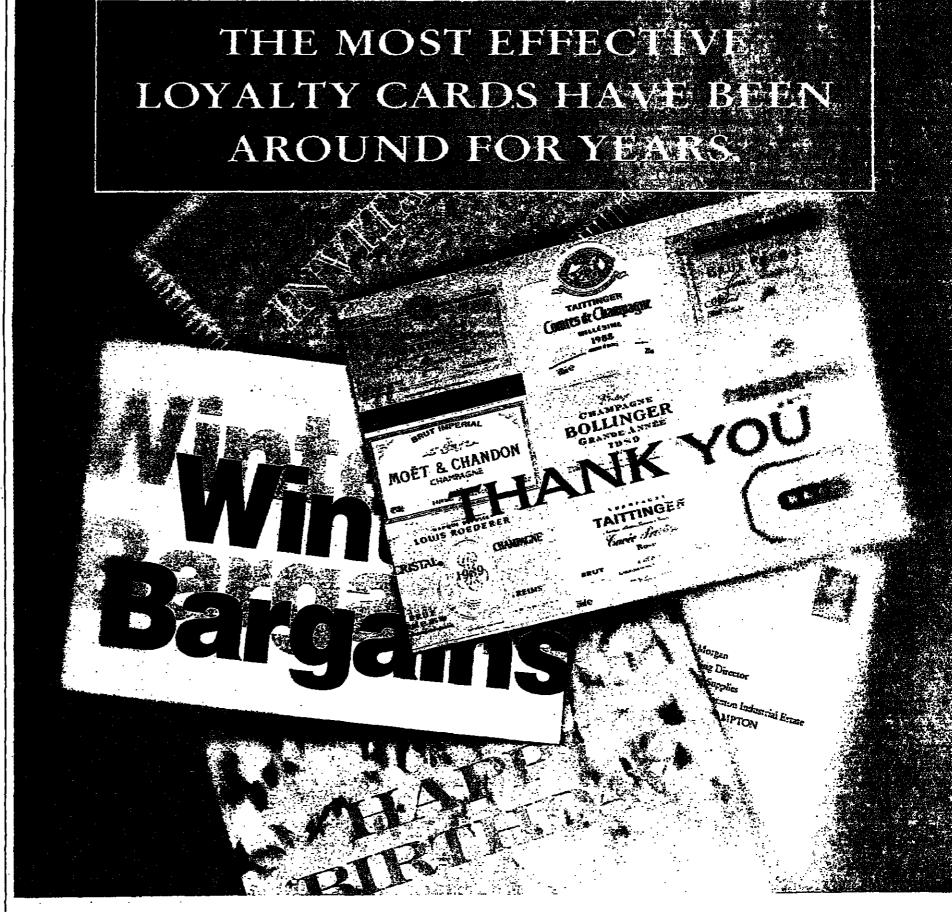
million. The company brews beers such as Miller Genuine Draft, as well as its own ales. Ushers said that trading in the first three months of this year was running ahead of last year, with a significant rise in

specialist contract brewing. Venture capitalist backers will own 49 per cent of Ushers after flotation, and directors and staff 10 per cent. A final prospectus, with pricing, will be issued in early March.

Tom Vyner, deputy chairman of J Sainsbury, is to be a non-executive director of Ushers. He is soon to leave the store chain, with which he has spent most of his career.

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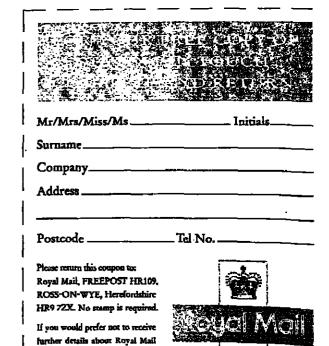
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# Investors worry as t pound's rise continu

CITY investors piled out of the big overseas earners worried by sterling's relentless rise against it main rivals and the impact it has on their profits.

Earlier this week, it soured to its highest level since withdrawing from the exchangerate mechanism in October 1992 and that was the cue for investors to start switching out those companies exposed to currency fluctuations.

As a result, falls were seen in GKN, 15p at 9662p, T&N 7p at 1492p. British Aero-space 352p at £11.90. Rolls-Royce 12½ p at 220p. GEC 9p to 383½p. BAT Industries 10½p to 525p. FKI 11½p to 180p. BBA Group 17p to 328p. Glynwed International llp to 303p. Bowthorpe 13p to 3952p. Delta 102p to 342p. and Morgan Crucible 112p to

46212 p.
There was switching into the drinks sector on defensive grounds. Whithread was 16p better at 8162p after impressing brokers with encouraging comments about current trading. Other to rise included Scottish & Newcastle, 912p at 691p, Vaux Group. 4p at 280p, Century Inns. 74p at 191p. Guinness, 4p at 4392 p. and Matthew Clark, 3p at 289p. A revival in the drinks sector could not come at a better time for Ushers of Trowbridge, the regional brewer of which Roger North is chief executive. which yesterday published its pathfinder prospectus.

The rest of the equity market gave up an early 20-point lead undermined by the pound's performance and the Bank of England's Inflation Report. At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was down almost Il points before rallying to close all-square at 4,304.3 on the back of an early mark-up on Wall Street.

Late news of a bid approach left Whessoe sporting a rise of 652p at 1552p. Siebe is making a recommended cash offer of 155p a share, putting a price of £42 million on the former heavy engineering group. Siebe fell 25p to 9642 p. Boots finished 92 p lower at 689p as one broker began urging clients to take profits

after the shares rose to a fiveyear high earlier this week.

Cable and Wireless stood out with a rise of 125p at 5085p as Merrill Lynch, the broker, raised its pre-tax profits forecast for 1997 from £1.27 billion to £1.3 billion. It has also has set a target price for



Roger North, left, and Martin Coles, finance chief, of Ushers of Trowbridge, which has published its pathfinder prospectus

Securities has told clients to "add" to their holdings in BT, up 3p at 441 p, and Orange. 4p better at 214 2 p. Vodafone, down op at 279½ p. is rated a "hold". Merrili Lynch is also keen on Storehouse. 42p better at 302½ p.

On the grey market, it was day of mixed fortunes for the two arms of British Gas.

was a mixed reaction by the water utilities to the report from Ofwat, the industry regulator, insisting they begin passing cost savings to customers by the year 2000. Anglian Water rose 8p to 62912 p. and there were gains for Hyder, 24p to 8324p, and Thames Water, 9p to 629p. but losses were seen in Severa Shareholders in the company Trent. op to 715p, and Wessex.

TC Group, subject of a merger last year between Takare and Court Cavendish, has begun to rally, with a rise of 2p to 110p. The shares tumbled from 140p after last month's profits warning and complaints about occupancy levels at its nursing homes. Speculators claim the group is now vulnerable to a bid.

yesterday gave the go-ahead for the proposed demerger. The EGM voted for the business to be split in two with shares in Centrica, the sales and retailing arm. and BG. the transportation and storage arm, trading officially on Monday, Centrica finished 5p better at 752p, while BG was 4p lighter at 1632 p. British Gas was steady at 239p. There

5p to 365p. Eurotherm slipped 2p to 4712p. Earlier this week, it gave a warning to share-holders about the effects a strong pound was having on trading. A number of companies have already made known their disquiet about a strong currency. This is the first time Eurotherm has been moved to issue such a warning. A profits warning also left



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looking sorry for itself after the Bank of England's inflation report hit the screens because shares in our leading exporters plunged. It did not take share traders long to work out that if interest rates rise the pound will be supported at its present rather high levels or will rise further, making life even more difficult for our export earners. It has to he remembered that 40 per cent of corporate profits currently come from overseas.

So far chemicals, textiles and metals have been the worst-hit sectors, if only because food, drink and tobacco companies enjoy strong domestic demand. Profit forecasts for next year's trading at British Steel, for instance, have halved, purely because of the pound's impact. Given the damage that

NOT ONLY mortgage payers shudder at talk of higher interest rates. The stock market was looking a currency volatility causes to corporate finances and the havor it plays with long-term nances and the havor it plays with the planning, one can at least sympathise with the plea by the Unilever chairman earlier this week for Britain to join EMU.

Currency movements matter to a trading giant like Unilever, which operates in most countries of the world and has to present its final results in both Dutch and English currency. Life would be simpler and more predictable at Unilever House if the whole of Europe could be accounted for in one currency. But even if Britain signed up for the euro, life would still not be ideal. Companies like Unilever and British Steel would still need to buy raw materials in dollars. Commodity markets told a tale yesterday of problems caused by the rising dollar, blamed for a drop in gold and a surge in coffee.

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#### AIM

FOR an exchange that seems to have the reputation as a playgroud of corporate crooks, blue sky wannabes and spivvy stocks in general, the Alternative Investment Market is producing growth. Speculative stocks, AIM's

speciality, are having something of a bull run in the junior exchange and inves-tors who dimissed the exchange as a swindlers'

paradise can only watch. The growth in the index is being led by Chelsea Village, Ramco Energy and Trocadero, the exchange's weighti-est stocks. The stream of capital which has been flooding into AIM over the past two months is also being targeted at small companies in general.

Only a handful of AIM's constituents have any seri-

ous exposure to overseas Polygram

THE history of the British film industry would hardly make the kind of "feel-good" movie beloved of Hollywood moguls. For all the native talent, the financial expertise to compete with the American giants has rarely been forthcoming, and the industry has been reduced to scrabbling

around for backers. Film is a difficult business to get right, and the industry is littered with examples of companies that have gone belly-up after the box-office flop of an expensive turkey. Success requires a degree of luck, as well as deep pockets able to handle the everspiralling costs.

Polygram, British based but Dutch controlled, is determined to try to tack a happy ending on to the script. It has sidestepped the tradi-tional pitfalls of British filmmakers - critically lauded but commercially disastrous - by also investing in European and American ventures.

The company now faces a crucial test as it starts-up in its own large-scale US distribution company and gears

up to make the block-busters that, like Independence Day, gross serious box-office money. The risks are inevita-bly increasing, but if Poly-gram continues to display skill at spreading its portfolio and picking the winners, it should be able to join Hollywood's finest at the Graumann's Chinese Theatre.

#### Lloyds Abbey

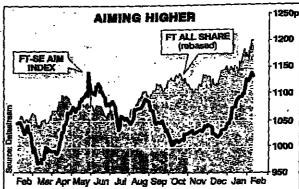
ALTHOUGH personal equity plans and unit trusts may be selling well and bolstering profits, news that Lloyds Abbey Life has set aside a further El4 million provision for pensions misselling indicates that the life industry has still to shed the

legacy of the 1980s. Nevertheless, after several years of recession, sales of saving products are bouncing back, particularly those which do not require 25-year

financial lunacy. True, it is a risky market, but at present it is delivering growth unmatched by any other sector. Its biggest defect is still illiquidity. Until institutions start to play ball, the jagged edges which plot the share price of AIM companies will not be smoothed.

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contracts and can be bought and sold at will. LAL's 30 per cent rise in profits yesterday was due to

several factors: increased unit trust sales, a buoyant housing market, the lack of a £35 million write-off for the disposal of Trans Leben, and the fruits of cost-cutting at Black Horse, Lloyds Bowmakers, and Lloyds Bank Insurance Services.

Integration with Lloyds TSB is likely to yield further cost savings, but, with so many brands within the LAL subsidiary, the bank needs to

make some tough decisions. . It would like an IFA company, but is clearly concerned that the bidding frenzy for Scottish Amicable will push needs to go from its rambling portfolio. Most obvious is Abbey Life, which LAL says will remain at present. Market fashion favours IFA operations, rather than direct sales operations, and LAL may struggle to find a buyer to take Abbey Life off its hands.

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#### Loves Labour. lost position

ANIL BHOYRUL, editor of Sunday Business, is taking legal action against the weekly publication for unfair dismissal. After three months in the hot seat, he claims that he was fired because of political

Bhoyrul, who co-founded the newspaper along-side Tom Rubython almost three years ago, has written many a leader attacking the Referendum Party. Luke Johnson, the paper's recently appointed dum candidate. Writing a leader in praise of the Labour Party can't have helped my career," says Bhoyrul, who tells me he's joining the queue at the jobcentre. David Devoto, chief executive, refused to

#### Out of spotlight LIFE at the head of an

international audio-visual

equipment hire company ought to be glamorous. Travelling across the globe, supplying film equipment for the Olympics, high-calibre confer ences, and movies such as Evita certainly sounds glamorous, Even this week, Bob Ellis, chief excecutive of Visual Action Holdings, was spotted at the Variety Club Showbusiness Awards, for which he generously provided the services of his company completely free. At last year's Oscars, how-ever, Ellis avoided the Hollywood spotlight. He events from the comfort of his home instead. "I stayed up all night, but my wife insisted on going to bed,"

Mr Blair."

by a new law."

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Those are the words of the

head of a medium-sized engi-

neering company. Another view from a Midlands firm is:

We're not against unions.

We're unionised, and that

suits us. But we don't want

those arrangements changed

Signing up for the European

social chapter and introducing

a national minimum wage are

two key aspects of Labour's economic policies that are

attracting a great deal of

But behind them is a pro-

posal which has drawn less

scrutiny from the public, but is

probably of greater interest to

many companies: Labour's

commitment to bring in new

unions a right to be recognised

for collective bargaining if a

majority of employees so

The unions will tomorrow

open their own pre-election

ampaign when they urge the

UK's eight million union

members to vote for the polit-

ical party which offers most

rights for employees. At the

same time. Stephen Byers, the

Shadow Employment Minis-

ter, will set out Labour's

commitment to new employ-

ment rights in a speech to the

A minimum wage and the

social chapter are key compo-

nents of Labour's plans to set new minimum standards at

work if it wins the election.

Equally important is a com-

mitment from Tony Blair to

introduce two other rights: a

right to representation, so that

help in talks with their em-ployer; and a right for a union to be recognised if a majority

- more than 50 per cent - of

Many companies in the UK

will be wholly unaffected by

the minimum wage and the

social chapter.

Their pay levels and conditions are already above the

minimums that would be app-

lied. But many would, at least

potentially, be affected by a

legal right to recognition. Less

than 40 per cent of all workplaces in Britain now recog-

nise trade unions, and many

employees want it.

Adam Smith Institute.



### Taxing belief

MALCOLM BRUCE is preparing to cross swords with the Inland Revenue. The Treasury spokesman for the Liberal Democrats is taking up the case of a woman being charged 69p for three days' interest after she paid the Inland Revenue through her bank. Bruce says: Only this Government is capable of spending £32.50 to save a few pence. A little human common sense could save a great deal of money and time. I intend to raise this matter with Treasury ministers at the earliest opportunity."

A DOUBLE blunder by the Inland Revenue. This week it was forced to fax a correction after citing the wrong address for its new inquiry room at South West Wing, Bush House. Too bad then that the Revenue's second fax. spelling out the correct address was written on West Wing, Bush House.

#### Polished off

HOW not to look after a top UK-rated oil analyst. On a trip to visit Anadarko in Houston last week, Warburg's wunderkind Rob Arnott was shown to his hotel room. Try as he might he couldn't find a bed. The response from reception? "Is that a problem, sir?" Worse still, there were no international telephones or hot water. When Arnott put in a call to have his shoes cleaned, as you do, the reply hardly surprised him: The shoe cleaner died last week,

MORAG PRESTON

#### eorge Simpson took over as managing director of the General Electric Company from Lord Weinstock, its modern creator, five months ago. Since then GEC has sold three companies for more than £100 million. More are expected to follow, doubtless demonstrating that Mr Simpson is just as tough-minded, profitconscious and unsentimental as the legendary figure who sat in his seat so long. Allied to GEC's £2 billion of cash resources, they could be the prelude to vast strategic deals to unify Britain's electronics and defence industry — or cede more of it to French

control. Exciting times ahead, perhaps.

Pending such earth-shattering moves, however, the wider public image of Mr. Simpson's GEC may well be set by a deal with rather fewer noughts on the end, financially trivial in terms of this £10.7 billion multicontinental enterprise. GEC-Marconi, the electronics company at the centre of its operations, has arranged to flog in 1,000 lots at Christie's the company archive built by Gugliehno Marconi, founder of his eponymous company as well as much of the radio, telegraph and broadcasting industries. Only the best items

will be retained for their marketing value. The collection, which took five months to catalogue, covers anything from laboratory experiments to business letters from 1896 to the 1930s. It may fetch £1 million, though high prices for Marconigraphs from the Titanic at a previous Christie's sale could boost the total. GEC has 3,000 of them. Correspondents to The Times, including

the late Signor Marconi's daughter Elettra, have not, on the whole, been amused at such "irresponsible" behaviour towards "a national asset". The planned disposal is not, as harsher critics suggest. "for the sake of a little filthy lucre". In his response, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, the former minister who chairs GEC-Marconi, carefully links the proceeds with the making of a CD-Rom interactive disk of the Marconi story. a high-tech solution of which Marconi would surely have approved", and a politically modish scheme to enthuse secondary school teachers over electronics. Documents will be copied and key radio experiments carefully

reproduced for future scholars. The archive is really being sold to dispose of a corporate embarrassment. This asset was so obscurely hidden that few outside the industry and its academics seemed to know about it. A study in 1995, before the company's disappointingly low-key centena-ry, found that the asset was a hidden liability. Purpose-built facilities to preserve

the deteriorating collection could cost a whopping £11 million, consultants claim. Sir Geoffrey explains that this would be



A century after radio, Marconi

This begs some questions. Would preserv ing it not cost others just as much? Should the masses of paper therefore be left to rot? Is market value the only value?
GEC has evolved a market solution. If the

collection is dispersed, individual antiquaries would be willing to spend the more modest sums needed to preserve the value of what they had bought with good money. In applying the virtues of commercial logic, as well as the restrictions of commercial values, GEC invites a debate among companies and institutions, from the largest

church, school or parish archivist knows that heritage can be an embarrassment. beyond the crown jewels that everyone is terested in. There is a conflict between keeping things secure in the right conditions and the cost, let alone access for people to see them. Lucky are those who can use secure storage maintained at taxpayers' expense. Even then, someone has to choose which items are to be kept in such huxury. Doubtless; many will set their hopes on the overdrawn well of lottery money.

For big companies and most others, however, no such easy answer is available There is no case for taxpayers to look after the papers of great companies, just to save shareholders the cost. They are responsible for their own heritage, like any other community, and should be held accountable for it. In the vogue competitive model of business, however, companies do not last for ever and cannot bear irrelevant overheads. Much of our industrial history has been lost in takeovers. More will be. Aside from selling ephemera to collectors, a sensible solution might be for companies to endow their archives when times are good and to contract out their care to properly financed commercial museum companies. Before that can happen, a properly

commercial archive industry would have to develop. Museums conform to the immuta-ble Law of Morally Superior Bodies. Worthies believe their own higher purposes absolve them from standards they impose on ordinary folk. Newspapers are secretive. police cars habitually break speed limits, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds kills birds -- and, as lenders such as GEC-Marconi have discovered, many museums lose treasures or stuff them in the attic for the rats. This will continue so long as they are above commercial disciplines and can blame slackness on lack of funds.

In our cash-measured age, museums undervalue free gifts just as much as those allowed to view them free undervalue the experience if big companies apply their business acumen to their own archive problems, they may help to revolutionise museums and to give more hope for our less imediately glamourous heritage. Ideally, museums should contract with companies, donors and trusts for a fee to store and display treasures to legally enforceable standards. To help the transition, perhaps the Government should set up Offmuse to vet and certificate those authorised to hold the nation's archives.

This debate may do nothing for Mr Simpson's reputation as a corporate citizen. But it could offer great business opportunities for a new ethically conscious generation

# Union recognition proposal strikes fear into businesses

Labour must tread carefully with plans to protect workers, says Philip Bassett gument for politicians, but they won't matter in practice to most of us. What we're concerned about is Labour bringing back the unions by bringing in a new law to give unions legal recognition. That's what worries us about



History lesson: violence at the Grunwick picket line remains a vivid memory

non-union, such as Marks & Spencer, McDonald's, IBM and Honda

For many companies, the prospect of legally enforced unionisation is barely a reality. In service industries, for instance, where the proportion of the workforce who are union members is low — such as retailing and catering current levels of unionisation and high labour turnover mean that the possibility of a majority of employees voting for a union is highly remote.

But in other areas, such as engineering or printing, the prospect of a legal reintroduction of unions is real. Behind the scenes, a number of large companies have been lobbying Labour leaders to try to ease back their plans. The newspaper industry will be a key

well-known companies are battleground," acknowledges one employers' leader.

Some employers are already going further. Singapore Airlines, for instance, has recently transferred all its UK pilots with their agreement and as part of an overall package — to employment contracts under local Singapore law so they are no longer covered by UK job legislation.

been quietly taking soundings on their recognition plans with unions, the TUC and with employers. Relations between Mr Blair's new Labour and the unions have at times been tempestuous, and the party leader has made it clear that he will, if in government,

recognition because it believes that it will benefit employees. not because it sees it as the party's job to help unions to do what they have failed to do themselves - win new members and new recognition

Key union leaders, like John Monks, the TUC General Secretary who launches the TUC's campaign tomorrow, accept that unions have to prove their worth. They recognise that the best means of averting employer opposition to unions is to demonstrate how unions can help busi-

The AEEU engineering union, for instance, is doing just that by sending glossy promotional packages to a range of potential\_inwardments from the likes of Toyota, BA, Electrolux, Nissan, Bosch, Sharp and Vauxhall. Labour has learnt some

hard lessons from its own east, from the days in the last Labour Government of the 1970s, when statutory union recognition was in force. Grunwick, a north London

photoprocessing plant that refused to grant union recognition and became the scene of heavy and often violent picketing, showed that the provisions were largely unworkable — and research since then has shown that they generated few new union members in any Labour will be content if

employees don't want unions because they are already satisfied with their job conditions. For example, Labour leaders privately do not expect Marks & Spencer employees to want union recognition. But the party believes that intimidation of employees remains rife at many companies, and

union recognition will help. Labour leaders are aware of the minefield of potential difficulties posed by the recognito define the bargaining unit covered by the majority vote

here is also the question of whether to put one or more unions on any ballot; and if only one, who should act to choose which one needs to be addressed. How to enforce the law and how to act if an employer refuses to accept a legal ruling is also important. If Labour does win the election, Whitehall officials, well versed in such argu-ments, will have carefully considered proposals waiting on ministers' desks, setting out detailed plans on how to put

working on the details of its own proposals. Poll evidence shows that, on many issues, business looks upon new Labour more favourably than it has looked upon the Labour Party in the past. Despite the sound and fury that they generate, business leaders acknowledge privately that a minimum wage and the social chapter will be marginal questions for many

companies.

into practice the pledge on

recognition. Labour is already

However, union recognition is deeper and more central to many companies. Business is bracing itself, if not for an open fight over the issue, then for having to come to terms with a move that is of growing

## BUSINESSIETTERS

#### DTI's Sector Challenge inclined towards competitive disadvantage From the Deputy Chairman Support Scheme (TFSS) will

of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council Sir, Does the Government understand or even want to understand how business really works? Do they want to make business more efficient? Do they want to increase exports? If so, the latest baffling scheme from the DTI is an absolute gern.

For many years the DTI has made a contribution towards the expenses of new exporters (mainly small to medium-sized companies) who attend overseas trade fairs. This contribution has always been modest, costing only £17 million for the current year, and has had the benefit of being simple to administer and highly effective. In the case of my own industry, exports of £3 billion were achieved in 1996 so there can be little doubt that the Government's money has been well spent on us (less than £1.5 million to take

All this is now being put at risk because, according to Anthony Nelson, the Trade Minister, this Trade Fair

1,000 new exporters to around 50 overseas trade

be replaced with a Byzantine scheme called "Sector Chall-enge". What this means is that each trade association wishing to provide support to their exporting members through overseas trade shows will have to compete for funds from the DTI by putting forward individual proposals. Not only does this absorb huge amounts of time from the already overworked staff of trade associations but it also must involve huge amounts of time on the part of civil servants who

have to assess them. If this is what the Government means by competition then all of us who actually do the work will have to reassess what we understand by competitive advantage because in this instance it clearly is competitive disadvantage. If responsible trade associations can no longer rely on DTI support, then this esential component of Britain's export effort will soon wither.

Yours faithfully, TONY LANGFORD, John Smedley Limited, Lea Mills Matlock, Derbyshire.

#### Genetic tests pose confidentiality dilemma

From Dr C. Gardner-Thorpe Sir. You report (Insurers demand genetic results, February 3) that the Association of British Insurers has ruled out mandatory genetic tests

have already taken genetic tests may have to declare the results when applying for a

tory tests (which have been debated previously in these columns) would force (actively or by inference) unwel-come genetic knowledge on some persons, and consequently their families.

On the other hand, inforthe policy applicant but not disclosed to the insurer would confer an unfair and significant disadvantage on

Nevertheless, those who

new policy. On the one hand, manda-

mation already available to

the insurer. Disclosure of this sort of information would seem appropriate, therefore. However, there is a real risk here that confidential

information about an applicant at risk could be used inappropriately in relation to applications from other members of his family. Once confidentiality is broken, it cannot be restored and information of this sort needs to be treated with utmost secrecy.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER GARDNER-The Coach House,

la College Road,

Exeter, Devon.

## Requiescat Griffin

From Mr and Mrs John Hart Sir, I read (January 16) with dismay — and my wife with grief - that Midland Bank's new owners from China or somewhere intend to kill off

Are they mad? Poor Griffin, so simpatico. We have one, sold to my wife at our branch long ago where the staff proudly produced him and others like him for charity. He now wears

socks. In time he will be valuable, probably more

than the bank. Is there no whimsy left in the counting-houses of the Orient, to which even our

high street banks are in hock? A number of accounts may well be closed because of this jejune outlook. After all, there is another high street bank with rather a nice horse for an emblem. Yours in sorrow.

JOHN AND IRENE HART, 11 Mountview, NW7.

Deadline nears for NatWest/The Times business ethics competition

## A search for more than tunnel vision



Protesters like Swampy present a

Time is running out for students who want to advise the managing director of Go-Build how to turn his company around and avoid job cuts. The closing date for entries for this year's Business Ethics competition, sponsored by the NatWest Group and The Times, is February 28.

A moral dilemma relating to the contract to build a motorway, as tunnelling environmental activists try to thwart its construction, has been posed and undergraduates studying for a first degree are asked to put themselves in the place of the industry's decision makers and to produce solutions to the ethical problems.

Entry forms containing the full details of the problem posed can be obtained from NatWest branches or from Anthony Fisher, NatWest/The Times Business Ethics Competition, Room

The competition is aimed at raising the level of the business ethics debate and to relate real-life problems to academic studies. The judges are led by Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest. Other members are John Drummond, the managing director of Integrity Works, a business ethics consultancy. John Monks, the general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, Julia Neuberger, chairman of Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust, and Lindsay Cook, busi-

ness editor of The Times. The first prize is £3,000, with a matching cheque for the winner's college. Second prize is £2,000 and third prize £1,000 to both student and

Entrants have to write an essay detailing how to deal with the problem facing Go-Build, which may go bust if 217, 41 Lothbury, London EC2P ZBP. it does not proceed with the contract,

which is likely to meet much opposition. The writers of the best six essays will be invited to meet the judges to discuss their essays, to respond to a development in the dilemma and to join in a group discussion led by Mr Last year's competition featured the

wanted to relocate from an unprofitable suburban store to a much larger city centre building despite local opposition. Chris Ayres, who was studying at Hull University, just made the final six, but when he arrived to debate the further developments he quickly showed his grasp of local politics, problem solving and ethics. He suggested that the store should be kept open for a further two months in which time the supermarket chain would find a bus company willing to transport its former customers to the new site.



## ACCOUNTANCY

## Treasury targets tax avoidance after VAT's missing billions

Richard Watson looks at how the Budget will shift the ground rules

ow much are VAT advisers worth? This has always been a difficult question for the profession and its clients to answer. Fortunately, we can all stop worrying about it because the National Audit Office has told us — E2 billion. That is its estimate of the amount that the profession saved its clients - and hence cost in revenue — in 1995-96.

VAT hit the headlines last year when it was realised that some £5 billion of the tax had gone astray between the Treasury's estimate and Customs and Excise's bank account. One suspects that the first reaction of the Treasury was to blame Customs for not collecting the tax properly, while the first reaction of Customs was to blame the Treasury for getting its estimates wrong. In a compromise, they said revised esti-mates showed only £1 billion of revenue was missing. The Chancellor thought this was serious enough, and told them to do something about it.

In true Civil Service fashion. the result was a committee. Its report is of course secret, but the National Audit Office has given us the gist.

There is a statistical relationship between the yield of VAT and the underlying pattern of consumer expenditure. VAT is a tax on consumer expenditure and one might therefore expect its receipts to match expenditure changes quite closely. The problem is that only about 60 per cent of consumer expenditure is subject to VAT. The rest is either zero-rated or exempt.

Because of this variation in the tax burden on different types of expenditure, it has long been known that VAT revenues have a different relationship to consumer expenditure at different points in the economic cycle. When money is scarce, people spend less on luxuries and proportionately more on necessities, which are exactly the things that tend to be zerorated. The Treasury statisti-cians, therefore, expect that, as the economy goes into recession, the VAT revenues from a given level of consumer expenditure will decline, but the normal relationship will resume when the economy comes

did not happen last year. Of the £5 billion original revenue loss, the committee has decided that £2 billion is due to improved effectiveness in tax avoidance. It produced no evidence for this figure and until it does, it must be questionable as to whether it is even in the right



Richard Watson says even VAT planning has its limitations

area of magnitude. VAT planning is a wonderful thing, but it has its limitations! Nor is it credible that avoidance has suddenly burgeoned in this particular year. VAT planning start of the tax and, though the

process has accelerated in recent years (fed by the very recession which seems to have caused the problem in the first place), it certainly has not been limited to 1995-96.

The committee also noted "greater than expected losses from a range of tax regime changes ... and from successful legal challenges to the department's interpretation of VAT law". This means that Customs has lost more cases in the courts and taxpayers have taken advantage of their ability to recover tax in comparable

The Chancellor has now taken action to limit this effect by restricting claims for backtax to three years and imposing more stringent requirements on their nature. In future, where tax has been passed on, Customs will claim unjust enrichment. It will then be for the claimant to prove the amount

One thing is now clear. Customs, supported strongly by Treasury ministers, intends to deal once and for all with the problem of tax avoidance. This Budget has seen a wide range of weapons deployed against avoidance. Not long ago, the talk was of acceptable and unacceptable avoidance. It is no longer clear whether any avoidance is acceptable, and the tenets of the Duke of Westminster's case, which recognised the importance for the taxpayer of being able to arrange his affairs in such a way as to minimise the amount of tax payable now seem to be well and truly in their coffin.

Richard Watson is Head of Indirect Taxation at Price

ners in other firms scurrying for pencils and the backs of envelopes. He had suggested that 75 new people a week were joining the London office. "Surely not," says our man in the back bar of the Old Dr Butler's Head. "That would mean almost 4,000 in the year. Very hard to sustain." And then he thought again. "Unless there are 75 leaving every week as well."

ROBERT BRUCE

## History offers hope on radical proposals

IT IS always disconcerting to find that, having commissioned an independent report into your organisation's workings, it doesn't come. up with the findings you expected. Take the Gerrard Report on the English ICA.

Spot of bother at the old place, disastrous climbdown over failed merger with another accountancy body, small membership rebellion over perception of power being concentrated at the centre, members worried about lack of communication, all these issues triggered the obvious reaction. In an ostensibly democratic body there is only one consequence of a period of perceived uncertainty: a call, in the largest capital letters possible, for strong leadership. Dozens will call for it. But they will all want their own brand of strong leadership. This is then followed, inevitably, by a call for a director general. If only there was one person to provide the leadership, appear nightly on the TV news saying what good people chartered accountants are, sort out the subscriptions, then all would be well again. But supporters of

director-generals only want their own views trumpeted. Someone else's views are definitely not strong leader-ship. The English ICA has periods when it vanishes into this black hole of squabbling among its more vociferous members. And the traditional answer is to have a constitutional review conducted by someone known for his independence In 1983 it was genial Bob Tricker. He invented the idea of faculties and horrified the institute with the concept. Yet, now faculties are seen as one of its great successes. This time it was Peter Gerrard, the past senior partner of Lovell White Durrant, the City law firm, who con-

ducted the review. And again the members and secretariat of the institute are up in arms at the review's conclusions. Hiring a lawyer for the job is reckoned to have been taking the idea of independence of view too far.

Partly they have a point. There is more than a hint of old-style lawyer culture in Gerrard's obvious dislike of boards representing members in business and industry. Once upon a time a chap who left practice for the vulgar world of commerce was considered to be in self-imposed outer darkness no need for boards to look after the fellow's interest. But the point which has animated the institute the most is that Gerrard says the rank and file membership is talking nonsense and that the policies which were causing the membership unrest in the first place should be intensified rather than reversed.

This is the vexed question of concentration of power. The membership revolt that overturned education proposals was motivated by the idea that the institute's executive had grabbed too much power and was still doing so. Grassroots activists saw this growing centralisation as a challenge to the theoretically democratic roots of a professional institute. Gerrard was to be their saviour.

But instead he has advocated the opposite. "I have taken note of the view," Gerrard says in his review, "that what the institute needs is not more central authority, but less." The institute's critics would agree. But they would then go on to strip the executive of its powers and provide the levers for greater member-ship control through strengthening the grassroots district societies. Instead, Gerrard continues "I believe that that concern arises, at least in part, from the prevailing uncertainty about where power lies, the assumption be-

ing (on the part of those who hold this view) that it is somewhere in the centre and that centrality and lack of acHedway

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countability go together."

Having reached that conclusion, he produces the opposite solution to that expected by institute members. My proposed restructuring aims to meet that concern by removing the uncertainty."
And how do you remove the uncertainty? You make it ever more obvious that the executive is in charge — not the members. "Central control does not mean that there cannot be a diversity of expressed opinions. What it does is to provide a safe-guard against the left hand

appearing not to know what the right hand is doing." Then he suggests axeing a third of the council and removing central funding from the district societies. You can see why the sort of members whose than upset at its conclusions. The view of one aghast member who followed his comment of "why did we commission it?" at last week's council meeting with an even more heartfelt "we've got the wrong report" is probably being echoed around the country.

They should take heart from history. The debate was the agent will be legathy and

debate over the report will be lengthy and involve many a working party. A gradualist approach will be taken. And before long the radical proposals of yesteryear will become the commonsense of the present.

#### Masters of reform

IT SEEMED no coincidence that a vice-president promising radical and reforming times was elected at the same English ICA council meeting which last week discussed the Gerrard Report. This also advocates radical and reforming ideas, so many of the council would like it quietly buried. In particular they would like to see the back of

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

the suggestion that the num-ber of council members council members should be reduced by about 30. The new vice-president, Sheila Masters, of KPMG. favours such ideas.

And worried members have noted that the number of members voting against her totalled 31. No difficulty in working out who is going to

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

#### Naval gazing

CHRIS SWINSON, BDO Stoy Hayward partner and architect of the profession's new review board plans, is a nautical historian in his spare time. His heart of hearts is of oak rather than double entry. And he has often said his finest achieveteam organising the restora-tion of HMS Victory. So it is good to see him installed as a trustee of the body intended to protect and preserve the Royal Naval College at Greenwich.

#### Head count COMMENTS made last week

by Mike Rake, the chief operating officer at KPMG, sent part-

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# Do you want to make a movie?

Today The Times gives you the chance of a lifetime - to make a movie. In an exciting cross-media competition, in association with Faber and Faber, Dillons The Bookstore, Sky Movies and Esquire magazine, and in association with Arri (GB) Ltd, you can win an Arriflex camera worth £56,000. Arriflex cameras are the most widely used to make motion pictures and our prize is similar to the camera cult director Robert Rodriguez used to make El Mariachi.

At 23 Rodriguez proved anyone with artistic skill and determination can make a successful film on a low budget. Now you have an opportunity to be a film director just like him.

All you have to do is answer the five questions on our competition entry form and tell us, in 20 words or less, what your movie would be about. You will find the answers in Rodriguez's Rebel Without a Crew published by Faber and Faber and on sale exclusively at all Dillons The Bookstores, at the special price of £6. The book tells how Rodriguez made El Mariachi on a shoestring - and with a handheld camera.

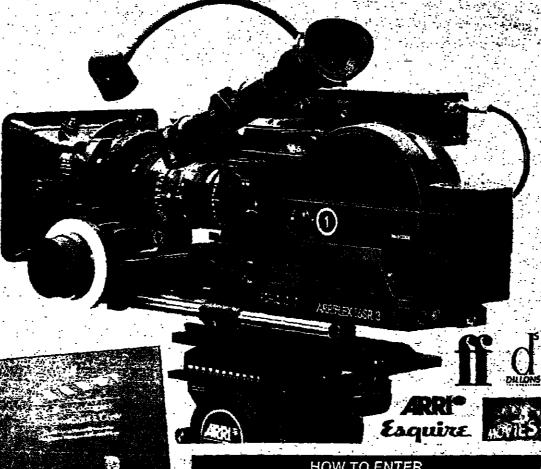
First prize is an Arriflex 16 SR3, a state-of-the-art motion picture camera worth £56,000. The winner will meet Rodriguez and attend a film-making masterclass given by the director himself.

There are ten runners-up prizes of Sony HandyCams plus Fuji Film and signed copies of Rebel Without a Crew.

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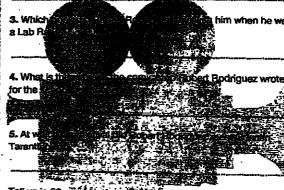
You will find the answers to the questions in Rebel Without a Crew If you have not read the book, you can buy it by credit card on: 0171-510 0104 or use the order form left. You can also buy the special edition which has a competition entry form printed inside at any branch of Dillons The Bookstores. Post the entry form Jone alsoappears right) to: The Times Do You Want to Make a Movie Competition, PO Box 6885, London E28SR. The closing date for entries is Wednesday April 2, 1997. All correct entries will be judged by a panel consisting of Robert Rodriguez, and representatives from The Times, Faber and Faber, Esquire magazine and Arri (GB) Ltd.

#### THE MOVIE COMPETITION

Post this entry form to: The Times Do You Want to Make a Movie Competition, PO Box 6885, London E2 8SR. Closing date: April 2, 1997. The winners will be the persons who correctly answer the five questions and who, in the opinion of the judges, submit the most apt and original description telling us what their film would be about. Normal TNL competition rules

1. In which city are most of Woody Allen's films shot?

Robert Rodriguez was 23 when he made his first film. How old was Steven Spielberg when he made Jaws?



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CHANGING TIMES

# Sharp rise predicted in level of City and corporate fraud

CORPORATE and City fraud is expected to rise sharply over the next five years, according to an authoritative survey published today.

The report, conducted through Accountancy Age magazine for the audit faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, says the likely rise in fraud can be blamed on lower standards of personal ethics, increased pressure on individuals to perform and the im-

pact of smaller workforces. Nearly 70 per cent of those who responded to the survey of results as the area of fraud that would have the greatest impact on British companies in the next five years.

Ian Huntington, a partner at KMPG, the accountant, and a member of the Audit Faculty fraud working party, said that when a poor-performing division within a company was set a series of sales targets. In order to achieve the targets certain types of sales could be "created" to give the impression that the targets had been

The other key risk areas entified were tender-fixing (53 per cent), transactions with related parties and the manipulation of computer programs (both 40 per cent). The latter two areas were considered the most difficult to detect, with 52 per cent again

Tender-fixing, which often involves people within a com-pany or organisation feeding useful inside information to help bidders pitch their con-tracts at the right level, has now become a European-wide issue. Per Brix Knudsen. di-

mission's anti-fraud co-ordination unit, recently warned were turning to frauds involving public procurement and tendering for public contracts. These include bribes to gain lucrative grants and financial

said that legislation to protect "whistleblowers" and improvement of anti-fraud measures by company manageeffective method of reducing the incidence or effects of

## **Increase** in use of derivatives at UK companies

UK corporations and pension funds are increasingly using derivatives, the financial in-struments that can cripple organisations when misused. The Association of Corpo-

rate Treasurers (Act) published a study yesterday of ways its members are using derivatives to offset risk. Their growing popularity comes in suffered by some hapless enth-usiasts, including a record \$1.7 billion wiped from the finances of Orange County in America by interest rate

speculation. Act expects the UK trend to increase Jeremy Wagener, di-rector-general, said derivatives were a useful tool if used

knowledgeably. He said: "Almost all the derivatives scandals we have seen are failures in the management control, not in the derivatives themselves." He said shareholders

should be kept informed of a company's derivatives policy.
David Creed, group treasurer at Tate & Lyle, said directors have a responsibility to understand and monitor the use of derivatives at their company. He said: "Directors do need to ask some pointed questions." But he added that derivatives have a reputation encompassing fear, difficulty and black-art mathematics

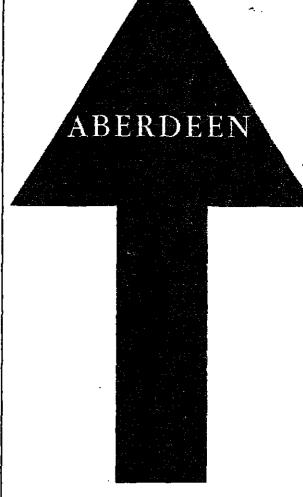
He said: They are just financial instruments." One of the most striking uses of derivatives highlighted by Act followed the reorganisation of ICI's pension fund after the demerger with Zeneca. The demerger had left ICI with a higher proportion of pensioners to

that was not always deserved

contributors. Trustees gave the go-ahead for up to £1 billion to be committed to futures contracts. They were needed to safeguard against potential losses from market rises during £2 billion of equity shuffling. Individual prices can be inflated by 5 per cent or more when the market spots this

kind of activity.

The cost of the re-organisation could thus have wiped out the intended strategic benefits. ICI bought £200 million of gilt futures and sold worked and the contracts were



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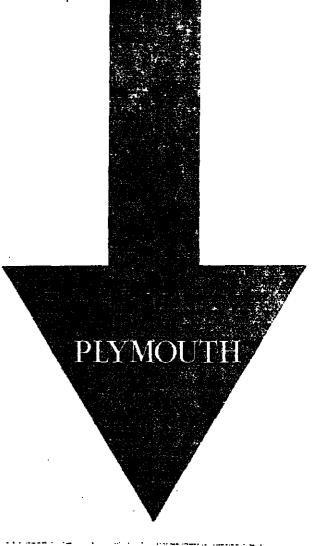
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## Medway Insurance seeks entry to AIM

Medway Insurance Group is to seek entry to the Alternative Investment Market by way of a share placing. The company, set up in December as a Lloyd's-orientated, US-licensed insurance company, is to raise about £70 million to finance the \$54 million acquisition of Hansa Re, a US-licensed insurer, from Focus Insurance Holdings

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and to provide additional working capital. Hansa Re has multi-line insurance licences in 16 states, including New York, California and Texas, and has reinsuranceonly licences or is an accredited reinsurer in a further 19. It hopes to increase its multi-line licences to cover all 50 states as soon as possible.

Hansa Re is to be renamed Medway Insurance Company, and recapitalised with net assets of \$100

#### Internet boost

Internet Technology, the Internet connection company that reversed into two AIMlisted property firms last year, said business had risen by 50 per cent in the past five months. However, costs of the takeover pushed pre-tax losses to £1 million (£8,000 loss) for the year to October 31. There is no dividend. Laurence Blackall, chief executive, said most of the property acquired with Capital & Western and Ballynatary had been sold at a profit.

#### Freeport up

Freeport Leisure, the operator of factory outlet shopping villages, more than doubled pre-tax profits to £1.02 million, from £502,000, in its half year to December 28. Turnover rose to £3.2 million, from £2.1 million. Earnings per share were 3.4p, up from 2.7p. There is no interim dividend, but Freeport proposes to recommend a final dividend. The shares rose 5p to 128½p.

### Standard post

Im Spowart, former man-aging director of Direct Line financial services, is to join Standard Life on Monday as general manager (banking services). He will be responsible for the mutual's existing deposit-taking facilities and for the development of other personal banking services. He will report to Jim Stretton, chief executive of UK operations.

rector of the European Com-

fraud. The report concluded that the development of an anti-fraud policy, and an annual review of fraud risk by organisations, would ensure that internal controls were designed to prevent and detect fraud.

Gerry Archer, chairman of the audit faculty, said: "As the survey shows, fraud is expected to become an even greater problem in the next few years and it underlines the importance of a concerted effort by professional to tackle this



Neville Davis said that Compel was benefiting as companies switched from mainframe to desktop computers

## Compel climbs to half-time record

A STRONG performance in all activities helped Compel, the computer services group, to return record half-year results yesterday (Fraser Nel-

and supports desktop computers, said it was continuing to

AORTECH INTERNATION-

AL a Scottish manufacturer of

mechanical heart valves, has

raised £4.5 million through a

placing on the Alternative Investment Market to fuel its

attempt to break America's

grip on the worldwide market.

its Ultracor tilting disc valve in Lanarkshire, will be valued at

£24.1 million. It said that the

money will allow the creation.

of a distribution network

across Europe, working to-

wards its target of a 15 per cent command of the global mar-

ket in seven years.

More than 6,000 of its valves have been sold in 18

countries, but the company

said the lack of a coherent

network was impeding its

growth. Worldwide sales of

valves totalled \$700 million in

The company, which makes

move away from large mainframe systems and towards smaller desktop computers.

Neville Davis, chairman said that about 70 per cent of desktop systems, against 63 per cent last year and 50 per

1996. The market was domi-

Aortech is forecasting sales

of £2.17 million in the year to

March 31, and a pre-tax loss of

£1.16 million. It plans to break

Gordon Wright, co-founder

and chairman of the company,

is buying back the distribution rights for Ultracor from one of

his other companies for £750,000. He and Eddie

McDaid, managing director,

will both become paper mil-

lionaires after the placing, each gaining a shareholding

worth £6.65 million.

Bell Lawrie White has placed 3.6 million shares with

institutions at 125p apiece.

Dealing in the shares begins

nated by US companies.

even later this year.

Aortech raises

£4m by placing

By Fraser Nelson

predicted that the growth rate would continue. Compel secured two signifi-

cant contracts over the year, and is deploying 60 of its staff

He said that second-half results would be buoyed by the contribution of Hamilton,

**Exporters** 

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BRITAIN's exporters believe

that personal contacts are

the most important factor

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abroad, according to a survey of 345 British businesses

by the Chartered Institute of

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More than 50 per cent of

companies said export strat-

egies were influenced by who they knew and by first-

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by 42 per cent. Only 25 per cent considered the impact of

regulations and tariffs as the

most important issue, while

13 per cent said that lan-

guage barriers restricted their export programme.

ray writes)

the computer rentals group it bought last month. Its shares gained 1212p to close at a sixmonth high of 201p yesterday.

Pre-tax profits of £1.7 million (El.44 million) for the six earnings to 7.09p (6.06p) per share. An interim dividend of 1.8p is due on May 2.

## Shares record for Commonwealth

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

SHARES of Commonwealth Bank, Australia's biggest retail bank, rose to a record on the Australian stock exchange yesterday after the company unveiled an II per cent rise in first-half operating profits to A\$602 million (E300 million). comfortably ahead of

expectations. Commonwealth shares rose 50 cents to A\$13.91, well ahead of the A\$10.45 price at which the Australian Government sold its remaining 50.4 per cent stake in the bank last July. Banking analysts had been looking for an operating profit of about A\$550 million

for the half year to December. Most of the improvement in profits came from strong growth in lending volumes as a result of the bank's move to lead the way in cutting mortgage rates in the Australian market. David Murray, managing director, said: The bank's decision last June to lower the standard variable home loan interest rate resulted in home lending growth above expectations. The strong growth in business volumes reflects the very positive response by customers to our determination to provide a competitive range of banking

meets their needs." Commonwealth Bank yes-terday announced a further 0.7 per cent reduction in its standard home loan rate to 7.55 per cent and a 0.4 per cent cut in its basic home loan rate to 6.95 per cent. Mr Murray said that the bank is now also likely to exceed profit expecta-

and financial services that

## Life Sciences in line with forecasts at £24m

By MARTIN BARROW

LIFE SCIENCES international, the laboratory equipment company that has agreed to a £235.9 million takeover bid by Thermo Instrument Systems, of the United States, yesterday re-ported a rise in pre-tax profits to £23.89 million in 1996, from £20.7 million in the previous year. The results, which were in

line with an estimate given by the company when the bid was announced last month, included a net exceptional charge of £3.3 million, arising from a £7 million restructuring programme offset by a £3.7 million gain on the liquidation of foreign exchange contracts. Profits before tax and exceptional items rose to £27.2 million,

from £24 million. The company, whose chairman is Sir Christopher Bland, said the consolida-



tion within the pharmaceutical industry and pressure on healthcare costs in developed countries continued to produce difficult trading conditions. These conditions were beginning to recede, although

The restructuring programme aimed at reducing costs, is expected to yield additional pre-tax profits of £3.5 million a year.

Turnover last year rose to £229.97 million, from £204.8 million, bolstered by a fullyear contribution from Spectronic Instruments, the American spectophotometer manufacturer acquired in 1995. Underlying sales growth, adjusted for the impact of acquisitions and currency fluctuations, was 8 per cent.

Earnings, fully diluted, rose to 8.6p a share from 7.8p. The total dividend is increased to 4.6p a share from 4.4p, with a second interim dividend of 3p. Thermo said yesterday that it had received valid accep-

tances in respect of 63.84 per cent of Life Sciences. In addition, the bidder has acquired a 3.26 per cent interest. The offer has been extended until

## RJB explores plan for clean coal power plant

RJB MINING has initiated a joint study with Texaco to explore the feasibility of developing Britain's first large-scale "clean coal" power

The proposed new station at Kellingley in West Yorkshire would incorporate technology currently in operation at a Texaco plant in Tampa, Florida, with a proven record for efficiency and emission reduction and could kick-start demand for similar projects.

RJB, the company that suc-ceeded British Coal in England and Wales, is assessing plans for the development of a 400MW clean coal power sta-tion on a site adjacent to RIB's Kellingley colliery. The site has ready access to all the facilities needed to sustain new genera-tion capacity, including fuel.

and a skilled workforce. Once planning consents

access to the grid system, water



Budge exciting opportunity

have been obtained the clean coal power station would take about two years to construct. It would generate enough power to supply a city the size of Sheffield and would consume about one million tonnes of coal a year, just half the planned annual output of the Killingley mine, where 700 people are employed. It would incorporate Texaco's gasification technology in an integrated gasification combined cycle plant similar to the one in

Richard Budge, chief execu-tive of RJB, said: "This is an exciting opportunity offering the first commercial-scale development of clean coal technology in the UK."

Mr Budge said he hoped the project would encourage the development of other clean coal facilities to ensure the market for coal remained strong well into the next

He added: "We believe that, just as there are targets for renewable technologies, inside tracks for gas power stations and a levy to support the nuclear programme, there should be a programme for

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## Secondary disaster victim cannot recover

McFarlane v Wilkinson and Hegarty v E. E. Caledonia

Before Lord Justice Saville, Lord

Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice

[Judgment February 5]

A plaintiff on a support vessel near the Piper Alpha oil rig explosions could not recover damages for injury as a primary victim, as it was not reasonably foresceable to the defendants that the chain of events triggered off by their negfuld include the risk that ameone of reasonable fortitude would reasonably have such a fear of immediate injury to himself as to lead to shock-induced psychi-

Nor could be succeed in an action for breach of statutory duty as he could not satisfy the court that a likely, and not merely a toome of the relevan breach of duty, was that the mental health of someone on a rescue vessel more than 100 metres away would be impaired.

While it was no doubt true that settlements or obtained judgments which they should not have ob-tained if the law had been applied correctly, because counsel in cluded some matter in the plead was not likely to succeed at trial but which was reasonably arguable: it would be quite wrong to conclude from those facts that harristers who decided in the exercise of their judgment not to include such pleas were ipso facto

The consequence of that would be that the measure of damages would he the loss of the opportunity to recover sums to which one was not lawfully entitled. The Court of Appeal so held in

Guggenheim, of counsel, against so much of the judgment of Mr Justice Rix on July 26, 1995 as failed to strike out the whole of a statement of claim in an action for professional negligence in connec-tion with their alleged failure, inter

alia, to include in the pleadings an alternative allegation of breach of statutory duty in an action for damages for negligence brought by Mr Francis McFarlane against E. E. Cakdonia Ltd: and in dismissing an appeal by Mr William Hegarty from a decision of Mr Justice Popplewell, on a preliminary point, on December I.

1995, that he was not owed any relevant common law or statutor duty by the defendants. E. E. Caledonia Ltd. arising out of the Piper Alpha explosion. Regulation 32 of the Offshore installations (Operational Safety

Health and Welfare) Regulations (SI 1976 No 1019) provides:

"(3) It shall be the duty of every person while on or near an offshore installation — (a) not to do anything likely to endanger the safety or health of himself or other persons on or near the installation or to render unsafe any equipment used on or near it."

Mr Rupert Jackson. QC and Mr Roger Stewart for Mr Wilkinson and Miss Guggenheim; Mr Benet Hytner, QC and Mr Paul Lonergon for Mr McFarlane; Mr Christopher Gardner, QC and Mr Jonathan Waite for Mr Hegarty; Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC and Mr Alistair Schaff for E. E. Caledonia

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said that for the purpose of obtaining a ruling on a preliminary issue i was taken as agreed that each plaintiff had suffered psychiatric injury as a result of witnessing horrifying events in the North Sea at the time of the Piper Alpha dignater in July 1992. disaster in July 1988.

Both men were employed as painters on that rig during the day

MV Tharos, which was lying about 550 metres south-west of the rig when the first explosion occurred at about 10pm.

Miss Guggenheim, as junior counsel, and Mr Wilkinson, as leading counsel, were instructed to act for Mr McFarlane. His claim succeeded on a preliminary issue of liability before Mrs Justice Smith in December 1992 but that judgment was overturned by the Court of Appeal (The Times September 30, 1993).

In July 1995 Mr Justice Rix gave

judgment on Mr McFarlane's claim that the barristers were negligent. In short, the judge held that if it could be shown the original defendants were in breach of a statutory duty nwed to any person on or near the Piper Alpha. then Mr McFarlane, as another person near the Piper Alpha at the relevant time, could have recov-ered damages for his psychiatric

The judge rejected a contention by Mr Hytner that even if, contrary to his view. Mr McFarland had no viable cause of action to breach of statutory duty, he could nevertheless recover damages for the loss of the opportunity of negotiating an out of court settlement in reliance on that point because through his barristers' negligence the point had not been

On December 1, 1995 Mr Justice Popplewell gave judgment in Mr Hegarry's action, which included a claim for damages for breach of statutory duty.

In doing so he differed from Mr Justice Rix on the interpretation of the relevant regulation. For that reason both appeals were listed to be heard together.

The attractiveness of a claim arising from the regulations to plaintiffs in the position of Mr McFarlane and Mr Hegarty was that a cause of action for breach of

statutory duty, if a good one, would with one hound free them from the control mechanisms imnosed on the claims of secondary victims by the House of Lords in Alcock v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police (§1992) 1 AC 310) in much the same way as most of the

successful police plaintiffs in Frost v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police (The Times November 6. 1996) were able to recover damages as primary victims by reason of a breach of duty conmined in their contracts of

If the plaintiffs could bring their cases within the language of the regulation, that imposed strict liability; see MacMillan v Wimpey Offshore Engineers and Construc-tors [199] SLT 515]. His Lordship considered that on the evidence Mr Justice Popplewell

had been right not to identify Mr Hegarty as a primary victim. Once he had found that a fireball which frightened Mr Hegarty had stopped short of Thams, and that Tharus had come close to danger but was not in fact ever in danger. it was almost inevitable that he should hold that Mr Hegarty's fear for his life was not a rational one. After all the fireball fizzled out more than 50 metres away from where Mr Hegariv was when he

Turning to Mr Hegarty's claim for breach of statutory duty, it had been persuasively submitted to the court that the mere fact that a breach of statutory duty caused the plaintiff's injury, on the applica-tion of the but for test or any similar test, was not sufficient. The plaintiff must fall within the

class of persons which the statute was intended to protect. Most of the 1976 Regulations were concerned with protecting the safety of the installation in question and those on it. Regulation 32 was different because it included

tion when the breach occurred. However, his Lordship was quite satisfied, from the arguments addressed to the court, that they only qualified for protection if the breach was likely to endanger them, that is that it was probable that it would.

In order to succeed the plaintiff would have to satisfy the court that a likely, and not merely a possible foreseeable outcome of the breach of duty was that the mental health of someone on a rescue vessel more than 100 metres away would be

During the course of his sub-missions on the barristers' appeal, Mr Hytner boldly argued that if a point was properly arguable and had a reasonable prospect of success then a barrister would be in breach of a duty of care to his client if that point was not included

He pointed out that it was not unknown for unmeritorious points to succeed at trial, or for clients to accept sums offered in seulement because they mistakenly saw more The evidence showed that junior

counsel had interpreted the effect of regulation 32(3)(a) correctly. She was also correct in her judgment that a plea of breach of statutory duty added nothing to the plea based on negligence, involving as it did the higher hurdle of likeli-hood, or probability, rather than foreseeable possibility.

It was quite absurd to consider that she could be liable in negligence for exercising her judg-ment in the way that she did, or that leading counsel could be negligent in failing to advise the inclusion of that plea.

Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Saville agreed. Solicitors: Reynolds Porter Chamberlain; Evill & Coleman;

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That argument was accepted by

the industrial tribunal. Although

the appeal tribunal could see a possible difference between an organisation representative of

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employers, what was important was that the federation had as one

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The appeal tribunal rejected the

ers' organisation.

ibunal that the federation in fact

## Direct debit precludes set-off defence

Esso Petroleum Co Ltd v Milton Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Thorpe and Sir John

(Judgment February 5) Modern commercial practice was to treat a payment by direct debit in the same way as a payment by cheque and, as such, the equivalent of cash. In general, a payment by direct debit for goods or services

received should preclude a defence

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Simon Brown, dissenting on the above point) so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Esso Petroleum Co Ltd. from the decision of Judge Anthony Thompson, QC. sitting in Exeter as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on June 21, 1996 whereby he dismissed their application for sommary judgment against the defendant, Howard James Milton.

The defendant was the licensee of two of the plaintiffs' service stations in Exeter. His case was that he could not continue to operate those stations profitably on the ever more stringent financial terms the plaintiffs were imposing. so that he regarded the business relationship between them as

being over. Between April I and 9, 1996 the plaintiffs made nine fuel deliveries to the defendant totalling £167.835. Deliveries were routinely paid for under direct debit arrangements.
The defendant had cancelled his direct debit mandate on April 9. Mr Mark Hapgood, QC, for the laintiffs: Mr Michael Soole for

the defendant. LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the central question was whether under the direct debit system the debtor should be entitled to escape the specially restrictive rules as to the slay of judgments and the scope of defences which apply with regard

to dishonoured cheques.
In submitting not, Mr Hapgood relied on Nova (Jersey) Knit Ltd v Kammgarn Spinneri GmbH (1977) 1 WLR 713, 721) per Lord Wilberforce, Although it would be commercially convenient to place direct debit arrangements on the same footing as cheques, his Lordship was ultimately unpersuaded by the argument

The plaintiffs contended, inter alia, that the defendant's counterclaim did not truly impugn their engidement to immediate payment for fuel deliveries so that no equitable set-off could in justice For equitable set off to apply it

must be established first, that the counterclaim was at least as closely connected with the same transaction as that giving rise to the claim, and second, that the relationship between the respective claims was such that it would be manifestly unjust to allow one to be enforced without regard to the other.

The mere fact both claim and unterclaim arose out of a single trading relationship between the practing reasonship between the parties was, in his Lordship's judgment, wholly insufficient to support an equitable set-off.

His Lordship's reasons for accepting the plaintiffs' insufficient connection.

connection argument included much of the thinking underlying their direct debit argument.

The two arguments were by no means mirror images of each other, in particular because of the additional range of considerations to which regard could, indeed must, he had, when deciding the

insufficient argument.

Not least among those was, as stated, the essentially liquid nature of the commodity here supplied, a consideration obviously irrelevant to the direct debit argument. Tempting though it was to allow the appeal on that crisper, nar-rower ground, his Lordship was convinced that it would be a mistake to do so.

To treat cheques as cash was historically justifiable and achieved a broad measure of certainty and justice to extend that principle to direct debit arrangeents would not. His Lordship would allow the appeal only on the LORO JUSTICE THORPE, field; A agreeing in the result, said that he Exeter.

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direct debit argument.
While his Lordship was conscious of the difficulties and dangers involved in such an extension, he believed that it was consistent with the principle stated by Lord Wilberforce in the Nova (Jersey)

Knit case. Where goods were effectively sold for each the seller should have the security that cash brought when for mutual convenience the parties had adopted the banking mechanism in general usage for the transfer of cash from one account to another. Twenty years ago that was still by cheque. The defendant's annual petrol

purchases under the licence agreements amounted to about E5 million and the plaintiffs' daily collection through the direct debit system for all petrol sales varied between £9 and £20 million. The modern mechanism for handling what were effectively cash sales on that scale was the direct debit

So it seemed to his Lordship that it was a natural evolution rather than an extension of the Nova Knit principle to hold that the seller of goods for cash transferred by the direct debit mechanism should be in no worse position than if he had accepted a cheque on delivery.

SIR JOHN BALCOMBE agreed with Lord Justice Thorpe and would allow the appeal also on the ground of the direct debit argu-ment. Modern commercial prac-tice was to treat a direct debit in the same way as a payment by cheque

Like Lord Justice Thorpe, his Lordship accepted the fun-damental principle that, in gen-eral, a payment by direct debit for goods or services received should preclude a defence of set-off.

His Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Simon Brown, and for the reasons he gave, that the counter-claim was insufficiently connected defence of equitable set-off. Solicitors: Irwin Mitchell, Shef-

#### Federation can be sued as employers' organisation employers or individual owners of undertakings and earlier legisla-

National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses Ltd v Philpott Before Mr Justice Kirkwood, Lord Gladwin of Clee and Mrs J.

[Judgment January 31] The National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses Ltd, an organisation with a membership of 200,000 with the object of protecting, promoting and furthering the interests of persons who were self-employed or who directed or controlled small businesses, was held to be an "organisation of employers" within section 12 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, so that a woman whose membership was not renewed was entitled to bring a complaint of sex discrimination

The Employment Appeal Triappeal from an industrial tribunal

Houghton v British Coal Corporation

Before Lord Justice Waite and Mr

Where a defendant in a personal

injury, the actual sum in court was the net figure reached after deduct-ing that statutory withholding. The Court of Appeal so held,

allowing an appeal by the British Cral Corporation, defendants in a

personal injury action, against the

order of Judge Harkins at Newcastle upon Tyne County Court on August 8, 1995, whereby he set aside Deputy District Judge

Powell's order upholding accep-tance of their payment into court

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complaint by the applicant, Mrs E. Philpott, that the federation had unlawfully discriminated against her on the ground of her sex or Section 12 of the 1975 Act

"(1) This section applies to an organisation of workers, an organisation of employers, or any other organisation whose members carry on a particular pro-fession or trade for the purposes of which the organisation exists. . .

"(3) It is unlawful for an organisation to which this section applies, in the case of a woman who is a member of the organisation, to discriminate against her . . . (b) by depriving her of membership. . . Ms Daphne Romney for the federation; Mr Michael Ford for the applicant.

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bers of the federation for 20 years. in 1995 the federation had conducted some disciplinary process against Mr Philpott in which the applicant had represented her husband. In January 1995 the national council of the federation decided not to renew her

The applicant maintained she had been discriminated against on the ground of her sex or marital status and made a complaint to an industrial tribunal under section 12 of the 1975 Act. In response the federation took

the preliminary point that it was not an organisation to which section 12 applied.

The federation argument was I While a majority of its members were in fact employers, a minority were self-employed people who

the organisation was not primarily to do with the interests of members as employers but to do with their interests as business people. Accordingly it failed to qualify on the purpose test.

The declared objects of the federation were to: "protect, pro-mote and further the interests of persons who are self-employed or direct or control small businesses and to provide a national voice and platform for such persons."

The phrase "employers' associ-ation" was defined in section LZ(I) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 That was a separate and distinct Act of Parliament with different purposes from the Sex Discrimination Act and the federation was not an employers' association within the meaning of the 1992 Act.

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narrow. It was more helpful to look at characteristics. The federation represented its members who were predomi-nantly employers specifically as employers as well as across a range of other matters. It was an organisation of employers within the meaning of section 12 of the 1975 Act and the industrial triounal's decision would be upheld.

Solicitors: Wallace Robinson & Morgan, Solihull: Harman & Harman, Canterbury.

## Raising illegality under foreign law

Sharab v Salfiti

It was difficult to think of circumstances where it would be fair for the Court of Appeal to allow an application by one party to legal proceedings for an amendment to be made so as to plead the commission by another party of a serious criminal offence under

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Ju and Lord Justice Waller) so stated on December 12 in a reserved judgment refusing an application by Usama Salliti for leave to adduce evidence as to Libyan law and dismissing his appeal from Mr Justice Ferris in November 1995 that he be ordered to pay US\$21 million to Daad Sharab.

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that in truth the defendant's application to introduce evidence was an application to amend the defence by making serious allega-tions against the plaintiff to which

If a party wanted to take a point

in his favour raising illegality under a foreign law he was free to do so but it had to be pleaded and proved like any other aspect of the case. The allegation that someone had committed an offence was often a very serious allegation to

It would be difficult to think of fair to allow, on the application of a party, an amendment to plead the commission of a serious offence under foreign law for the first time in the Court of Appeal, never mind the introduction of fresh evidence

#### Cost cutting move Hoeelist Celanese Corpora- by an inventor or anyone else, if

tion v BP Chemicals Ltd and 🗋

In the light of current pressure to reduce the cost of litigation in general, and patent litigation in particular, parties and the court must be astute to prevent the expenditure of time, effort and money on the filing and challeng-

ing of unnecessary evidence. Where a plea of obviousness was in issue, there might well be strong arguments for holding that discov-ery should not be given of research

or development work carried out,

that work did not start from or involve consideration of the

pleaded prior art Mr lustice Laddie so stated in the Patents Court of the Chancery Division on February 6, when rejecting a plea of obviousness and upholding the validity of Hoechst Celanese Corporation's European Patent (UK) No 0,196,173, relating to the removal of alkyl iodides from acetic acid, which he held had been infringed by the defendants, BP Chemicals Ltd and Purolite

International Ltd.

#### injury action proposed to make a payment into court and, pursuant to section 93(2)(a)(i) of the Social The message which the defen-Security Administration Act 1992 there cited such as a typing error withheld a certified amount of total or conduct amounting to misconbenefit to which the plaintiff had become entitled as a result of his

dants intended to convey by that notice was that £15,800 net had been paid in, being £25,000 less the statutory withholding.

The plaintiff's solicitors interpreted the notice as a total navpreted the notice as a total pay-

ment of £34,200, of which £25,000 had been paid in. On their advice the plaintiff accepted the payment. Section 93 of the 1992 Act provided a limited exception to the absolute prohibition in section \$2 absorbe promined of assessible a compensator without making the statutory withholding of the amount certified in the certificate

by the plaintiff. Terence Houghton. The acceptance had resulted in a stay of the action. Miss Catherine Foster for the defendants: Mr. Christopher benefit before he paid any money into court and withhold the Makey for the plaintiff. amount of the certificate from the LORD JUSTICE WAITE said money paid in (section 93(2)(a)(i)): that the defendants admitted liability and proposed to make a or he might make a payment in without deduction, rendering himpayment into court. The Department of Social Security certified self liable to pay the amount later certified (section 93/2)(a)(ii)).

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£9,200 as the relevant deduction of total benefit under the 1992 Act. The defendants gave the plaintiff notice of payment in of £25,000 and added that they had withheld £9,200 from their payment into court in accordance with the relevant legislation. The actual

amount paid in was £15,800. Therefore, any plaintiff in a

in that instance, the com-pensator might either apply in advance for a certificate of total

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doubt as to the amount payable to the Department of Social Security and invoked the statutory enlarge-ment under section 93(3)(b), whereby moneys paid into court were to be treated as increased by the amount of the certificate.

personal injury action who was informed that the defendant, in making a payment-in, had elected to follow the first option had to be taken as aware that the payment-in was one to which the statutory withholding applied. He therefore had notice that the amount regarded as paid into court had been calculated under section 93/3/(b) by adding the amount of the certifi-cate of total benefit to some lesser figure representing the sum actually paid into court.

The notice of payment into court in the present case fell to be read as a notice that the defendants were proceeding under the first option and that the sum paid into court was a sum which, when ag-gregated with the amount of the sum withheld, yielded £25,000. Judge Harkins thought that the plaintiff's solicitors' mistake was sufficient to give the court jurisdiction to intervene to set aside the payment-in. Lambert v Mainland Market Deliveries Ltd ([1977] 1 WLR \$25), going beyond the in-

Deducting benefit from sum paid into court stances of court error in Gains-borough Mixed Concrete Ltd v Duplex Petrol Installations Ltd. ([1968] 1 WLR 1463), indicated that there was a reserve power to lift a stay resulting from acceptance of a payment-in. But it was plain that the power

had to be exercised very sparingly and was limited to the instances duct or foul play. There were no such circumstances in the present Although unambiguous, the leg-

islation was not without complication and there was a risk that it might be misunderstood by a party conducting it's own case. The relevant Rules Committee might wish to consider whether

Form 23 of Appendix A to Order 22, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which required amendment to refer to the 1992 Act. might be amended so as to spell out that the money actually in court was the net figure reached after making the statutory withholding and whether there should be a county court form in should be a county court form in

Mr Justice Singer agreed. Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson, Dencaster, Brian Thompson & Partners, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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## **European Law Report**

## Holding bonds is not an economic activity

Harnas & Helm CV v Staatssecretaris Fînanciên

(Case C-80/95) Before G. F. Mancini, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges C. N. Kakouris, P. J. G. Kapteyn, G. Hirsch and H. Ragnemalm Advocate General N. Fennelly (Opinion November 7, 1996)

Judgment February 6 For value-added tax purposes, the mere acquisition and holding of bonds and receipt of income therefrom were not to be regarded as economic activities conferring on the hondholder the status of a

taxable person.

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Hoge Raad der Nederlanden (Supreme Court of The Netherlands) for a preliminary ruling on a question of interpretation of article 4 of Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnove taxes: common system of value added tax; uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 LI45 pl).

Article 4 of the Sixth Directive provides: "Taxable person' shall mean any person who ... carries out ... any economic activity referred to in paragraph (2)... "(2) ... The exploitation of ... intangible property for the purpose of obtaining income therefrom on ing basis shall ... he a continu

considered an economic

activity. In its judgment the Sixth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held: The plaintiff, a limited partnership, held shares and bonds issued by bodies and undertakings in the The deduction in its tax return of

VAT it had been charged in connection with loan transactions made by it was disaflowed on the ground that it had not carried out any economic activity within anicle 4(2) of the directive and so was not a taxable person within article Article 4 conferred a very wide

scope on VAT and "exploitation" in article 42) referred to all trans-

by which it was sought to obtain income from property on a contin

However, the court had specified that the mere acquisition and holding of shares in a company was not to be regarded as an economic activity in the meaning of the Sixth Directive, although certain transactions could fall within the scope of VAT where they were affected as part of a sharedealing activity to secure involve-ment in the management of companies or were a direct, permanent and necessary extension of the taxable activity: see for exam-ple Case C-60/90 Polysar Investments Netherlands BV Inspecteur der Invoerrechten en Accijnzen, Arnhem [1991] ECR I-

3111 paragraphs 13-14). The mere acquisition of financial holdings in other undertakings did not amount to the exploitation of property for the purpose of obtain-ing income therefrom on a continuing basis, as any dividend yielded by the holding was merely the result of ownership of the property. Contrary to what had been submitted, there was no relevant distraction between the acquisition and holding of shares and the acquisition and holding of bonds. The activity of a bondholder could be defined as a form of investment which did not extend

further than straightforward asset management. The income from the bonds derived from the mere fact of holding them, which enritled the bolder to payments of interest. Such interest could not, therefore, be regarded as a return on an

economic activity or transaction

carried out by the bondholder, since it derived from the mere ownership of the bonds. On those grounds the Sixth Chamber ruled Article 4(2) of the Sixth Directive is to be interpreted as meaning that the mere acquisition of owner-ship in and the holding of bonds,

activities which were not subser-

vient to any other business activity,

and the receipt of income there-

from were not to be regarded as

economic activities conferring on

the person concerned the status of

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Edward Fennell introduces a four-page report to celebrate the NTA's tenth anniversary and its commitment to learning for life

# A showcase of skills to challenge the world

he quality of training in UK industry will be a vital issue in the forthcoming general election. Already, as part of the education debate, it features prominently as one of the hottest topics on the political agenda. But it also has significance within the trade and industry wrangle over inward investment

and competitiveness. A recent policy document from the Labour Party declared: "Britain needs a world-class system of education and training ... we must act now to equip all of our people with the necessary skills and education to take advantage of the information and technological revolu-

So how good is our current

The winners of the 1996 National Training Awards (NTAs), present in London yesterday for an awards ceremony hosted by Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, demonstrate that there are now scores of examples of training excellence.

On show were some 100 organisations — from manufacturing to retail, financial services to the NHS - together with 18 individuals who had come through a series of assessments of the verve imaginativeness with which

they had tackled fresh skills. At the heart of the awards is the principle that training must be focused on the rea needs of an organisation. Training for its own sake carries little weight. Instead, training is seen as an investment of time and money which must be used to achieve concrete objectives:

In short, there should be a clear "loop" of cause and which links the development and implementation of training programmes with improvements in business effectiveness. Prue Leith. the patron of this year's awards, says that there is an encouraging trend in industry to target specific objectives.

One example of this comes from Southern Electric, which was faced with the retirement of 500 experienced staff and needed to restock its skill base very quickly. It identified 27 key tasks and 400 staff who would perform them. It then put on a training course costing £333,000, which transformed the organisation. Both the company's costs and

complaints dropped sharply. The key question about the awards, however, is whether the winners are representative of the islands of excellence in a sea of mediocrity.

Vocational training used to be, with some important exceptions, general agreement that it has improved significantly, but still not enough. A variety of government initiatives — of which the awards are one of the best known - have helped to create the recognition that properly managed training is a vital ingredient in business success. By providing role models, the NTAs have aimed to both inspire and teach what could be achieved if training were delivered effectively.

This year provides a good opportunity to assess how valuable the awards have been. The event is celebrating its tenth anniversary and changes are afoot which will give it a different look from next year. In particular, there will be no more jamborees on the scale of vesterday's event. Instead, there will be a shift away from London towards the winners at the regional level, with much more effort directed towards the grassroots. The awards will go on but the format will be markedly different.

So is this a signal that, in its present form, NTAs have accomplished the task set for them?

6 Britain needs a world-class system of education and training ... ?



Prue Leith: "Encouraging"



Making her mark: a student at St Mary's College, Londonderry, at work on an industrial course that will offer a brighter future

Prue Leith is in no doubt that NTAs have contributed much to the switch in mood. As she points out, however, it is impossible to pinpoint their exact contribution. Instead, she describes NTAs as part of a suite of programmes including Investors in People, the National Targets for Education and Training and the development of opportunities for lifelong learning - which have contributed to an improved commitment of training

industry. Recognition of the business case for training has chimed particularly well with many of the developments in the public

through large parts of British

sector. The high proportion of public sector organisations among the winners is a tribute to the fact that management has become much tighter and better focused in recent years. Goals are more dearly defined than ever and disciplined training is being used to achieve them.

The Trading Standards Department at Leicestershire County Council, for example, was faced by an increase in workload and a reduction in the number of qualified staff. To deal with this, it set up a training programme for support staff which would relieve the strain on qualified trading standards

A programme was developed with the local college which has enabled the service to reduce its training expenditure while performing to a higher standard. As a result, Leicestershire is now regard-So award winners have an

ed as having one of the most efficient and cost-effective trading standards services in the country. important story to tell. There still

remains a question, however, over

how many people want to listen.

## Making the grade twice

s well as enjoying the announcement of their National Training Awards, a select group from among the winners also received special who have won awards to mark their success in particularly important aspects of training, Edward Fennell writes.

in the past there have always been special awards for entries which have impressed the judges. But this year, marking the tenth company winner. anniversary of NTA, there are more awards than ever including. notably, the ten best entries show-

ning.
This is especially relevant for the 1996 awards, since the whole year was dedicated by the Department for Education and Employment to raising awareness of the importance to lifetime learning.

ine commitment to lifetime lear-

One impressive story comes from St Mary's College in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, which has a fine record to achieving the Investors in People (IIP) standard and also for having won two charter marks and a European award of excellence.

The college is set in an area of high unemployment and felt the need to raise aspirations and to give the local community a sense of the value of education.

So rather than just concentrating on the pupils, the school put in place a training programme involving teachers, parents and the support staff. Great strides have now been made and, despite the difficulties in the province, St One of the gaps normally cited

Mary's offers hope for the future. in NTA reviews is for entries from small and medium-sized firms. To

raise the profile of this sector, the

Spotlight on selected teams

special awards Confederation of British Industry

makes an award for the best small This year the award went to Ouidnunc, an information technology consultancy based in west London, which has achieved annu-

al growth of 35 per cent in each of the past three years. Such growth can be sustained only through rigorous and extensive training. Quidnune has set up a programme which every member of staff takes part and which is seen to contribute directly to the quality of



Ouidnune, an IT consultancy

the company's output. Claire Sutton, the firm's business manager, claims that new business is being won by the company directly as a result of its training programme -

proof that training pays.

That is also true of all the winners of the special award for IIP. These are especially interesting because, according to Geoff Armstrong, the chairman of the judging panel, the IIP initiative (which stems from the Department for Education and Employment) has inspired many of the entrants

to this year's competition. "ILP is about much more than training - it is about the strategic directions in which an organisation is going," he says. "None the less, it is clear that IIP is having a big impact on the way managers are thinking about their organ-isations and how they should develop the skills necessary to make it successful."

o under the influence of IIP. many NTA entries show they have been affected by the disciplined, systematic thinking that is central to achieving the IIP standard.

For any organisations setting their sights on achieving an NTA. the IIP initiative is a good place to

Not among the special prizewinners but worth a particular mention is Bluemay Ltd, a small Wiltshire. Bluemay won an award ten years ago in the inaugural event and has won a second NTA this year. Such sustained dedica-tion to training and effective management, especially from a small

company, is an object lesson to all.

NATIONAL WINNERS

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London. Bluemay Ltd, Devizes. BP Chemicals, Port Talbot. Breckfield JM1 School, Liverpool.

British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering, Leeds, with Wakefield MDC.

British Gas TransCo, Edinburgh. Britvic Soft Drinks Ltd, Chelms-ford, with Jenny Jarvis &

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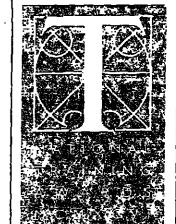
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Outport (UK) Ltd. Londonderry.
E. & O. Laboratories, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.
East Ltd. Harrogate.
Easton College, Norwich.
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Hedon Salads Ltd, Nr Brough, North Humberside.
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Secretary of State's Award for excellence in modern

The British Narrow Fabric Association Training Club with South Derbyshire TEC and the Knitting Lace and Narrow Fabric Industries Training Resources Agency (KLITRA)

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The Times Award for meeting the challenge of international competition BBC World Service, with Karsh Consultancy

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Christopher Warman talks to those in the BBC who helped win

The Times award he BBC World Service has an international reputation difficult to better, and it constantly battles to maintain its position in the face of financial constraints and competition. In the midst of a time of change, it has embarked on a remarkable training scheme in partnership with the Karsh Consultancy.

which this year has won The Times award for meeting the

challenge of international The project was to make the best use of the talent of the female workforce and improve the representation of women in the World Service to match that of other parts of the BBC. Broadcasting has been attractive to women as a career, but although they have joined the service with similar achievements to their male colleagues, they have not developed

as fast or as far as the men. While some of the factors holding back women were common to men, the awards judges perceived that while men were getting a career "head cold", women were suffering career "pneumonia".

The consequence, in the World Service, was that when the programme started in 1994 women at a senior level occupied 5 per cent of the senior positions. Two years later the figure had risen to 40 per cent. At the top senior executive level, the number of women increased from 9 per cent to 30 per



BBC staff who benefited from the scheme and, below, Laurence Benson and Harriet Karsh

cent between 1993 and 1996. This was achieved after Laurence Benson, equal opportunities development officer at the World Service, decided on a sustained women's development initiative and chose the Karsh Consultancy, specialists in leadership development, to design the programme.

7 ith 23 initial candidates, the programme was designed to equip the participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to recognise their own potential as managers and leaders. It included networking seminars and work-based projects, and was intended. Karsh's plan, to "develop skills in strategic and creative thinking. emotional resilience, assertive-

tion, initiative, developing others, judgment and leadership". The effect of the programme was not only to increase the

representation of women at all levels, but also to challenge attitudes to equal opportunities throughout the organisation. The judges concluded: "Equal opportunities is now seen as part

of the fabric of people's working lives which adds a real business benefit, and not simply as a bolton 'feel-good' factor."

Mr Benson commented: The success of this programme has not just been its effectiveness in increasing the representation of women in the World Service, but also the impact it has had on the individuals who have taken part."



## What's the secret? Michael Hatfield and Rodney Hobson reveal the magic ingredients and success stories of the winning teams

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Amateur Swimming Association: raising the standards

urostar may have expe-rienced flak on the

language-training provision

for English train drivers has

had a 100 per cent pass rate

and earned the company a National Training Award, Michael Hatfield writes.

Drivers are put through a

20-week language training programme, divided into mo-

dules, in two of which they

stay with French families and

attend a local college. The end

I track but its French

Bluemay Ltd, manufactur-er of plastic components and based in Devises, Wiltshire, decided on a training pro-gramme to prepare its 70 staff for a period of radical change and restructuring of the company. The company was planning to spend El million on factory relocation and new moulding machines,

of the course examination is The main thrust of the held inside a simulator that mimics the driving situation, and the ability to speak and understand French is tested. Linguistic proficiency is sometimes matched by impromptu interpretation. Confronted with a simulated deer on the line and not knowing the French word, one driver described the animal as a cow

with a pantograph (the train's electric current connector) on its head. Kiri Shah, Eurostar's language training co-ordinator. says some drivers have been nervous at the start but the enthusiasm had been re-markable. Each driver re-

Commerce and Industry language certificate. in Norwich the Easton College Poultry Department is working with the poultry industry to devise training courses for new recruits and existing employers

ceives a London Chamber of

In recent years the industry has experienced a growing shortage of both labour and skills. Bruce Hemmant, the Matthews, says: "Easton College has worked closely with the poultry industry to help us recruit dedicated, ambitious trainees. It has also helped us to provide training which reflects the needs of our expanding and in-

creasingly technical industry." Another training provider to receive an award is the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), which has retrained its tutors to raise the standards of teaching of swimming and associated sports in England, The tutors pass on their skills to teachers and coaches, of whom around 20,000 have qualified since the introduction of the higher standards.

The training challenge for the ASA was that a new education training programme was needed to cater for the sport's changing needs and to incorporate NVQs into the framework of professional qualifications offered.

in all, more than 700 tutors were retrained to deliver the new courses. Smaller groups of tutors were also retrained to deliver the education programme to other levels and to assess for NVQ Levels 2, 3 and 4. ASA tutors have benefited professionally and commer-

training was to build the commitment and skills of staff to make the planned changes successful. Martin Morman, a director of the family firm, says it was important to maintain the family atmosphere and caring ethic of the organisation, and at the same time developing skills.
The courses cover areas

from time management to training and getting the most Society has cited Bluemay as a case study of good practice.

n innovative training programme for teachers and support staff has cut truancy levels at Liverpool. Though the school has a good record helping children to achieve the highest standards, it had, like many inner-city schools, a problem with a minority of misbehav-

ing and truanting pupils.
Breckfield tackled the problem by making behaviour training included teachers and support staff. Now pupil attendance rates exceed 90 per cent. The success of the scheme has led the Department for Education and Employment to fund it for three years - and the school has become the first in Liverpool to be awarded Investors in People status.

The cost of recruiting and assessing a new foster carer is around E2,000, so that when the Children Act called for changes in that task, the challenge of training carers became increasingly impor-tant. The Leeds office of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) and Wakefield Metropolitan District Council combined to provide an innovative training programme for foster carers, breaking new ground by linking training to the new Nat-

for loster carers. In the first three years of the initiative, a total of 167 carers attended the courses. Felicity Collier, BAAF's director, says: "Our work with Wakefield has been unique in helping to

ional Vocational Qualification



John Pimblett: staff-training acted as a stepping stone

prepare foster parents to care for very challenging children

A new training programme devised by womenswear re-tailer Dorothy Perkins Re-tailer Ltd has contributed to a

significant 9.5 per cent in-crease in sales. The company

has recently trained its 540 branch managers to operate

as managing directors of their

own stores. The training in-

volved a complete overhaul of

the way the company operat-ed, and Dorothy Perkins de-

signed its own training package to equip their manag-ers with the necessary skills.

The result has been that

managers feel confident, in-

volved and inspired. Sue

Farrel. Swindon branch man-

ger, says: "I feel so much more

involved in the business and.

by having a greater under-standing, I am in a much

better position to contribute to

Going Places, based at

Woking, Surrey, has dramati-

cally reduced its recruitment

turnover and ensured staff reach high industry skills levels by developing a training course. With a total staff of

more than 4,500 working in

700 shops, the company needed to build up shop teams, cut

its 51 per cent turnover of

recruits and help staff contrib-

ute to their own shop's in-crease in business.

It launched an intensive 12-

month course for new youth

trainee recruits, which was

attended by almost 300 in the

focused on building sales

skills and the knowledge and experience required to identify

and meet customers' needs. Of

the 293 participants, 257 are

now fully employed by the

company and 82 per cent

achieved an NVQ. Staff turn-

over has been reduced by

Anne Howes, the company's

training manager, says: "We invested a lot of time and

resources into developing this

scheme. The end result has

Soon after Lindsay Burr

opened the first of her Goodys

Hair Salons in Norton. North

Yorkshire, in 1979, she recog-

nised the need to implement a

staff training programme to increase turnover and individ-

ual staff profitability and en-

sure the highest level of client

So successful was the pro-gramme that productivity by each staff member has risen

from 60 to 95 per cent. There

are now five Goodys salons in

the Norton area and in 1995

the company was recognised as an Investor in People.

been a resounding success."

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Nationwide travel agents

our future success."



Tesco: display of counter food was made more attractive



Ormerod Home Trust: problem solving led to a pay rise

the dramatic improvement that training can have on staff turnover and morale has been amply demonstrated at Norfolk

> son writes. At the end of the Eighties, critical levels in the cleaning division of Norfolk County Services, the council's service arm that provides cleaning, catering and grounds service under compulsory competitive tendering.

> Management time and effort was wasted in filling vacancies. When the company asked departing staff why they were going, low pay was not

high on the list of reasons. Patricia Fuller, personnel manager, says: The problem was that staff wanted to be trained to do the job, wanted to feel a sense of belonging to an organisation and wanted to be valued. Training was implemented and succeeded in

All new and existing man-ual staff were trained by their

director and another senior director brought an abrupt end to an era at a Merseyside family-owned bakery. The company, established in 1921, passed into the hands of the A new management team, installed in 1990 at John it was clear that the company had to reconsider its position

Lin Pimblett, marketing coordinator, says: "The training programme has acted as a stepping stone by strengthen-ing our determination to succeed and showing us what is possible. We plan to invest £2 million in a new purpose-built bakery and extend the training

programme to bakery staff."
The introduction of fish unters to a Tesco store in 1991 did not prove as success ful as management had hoped. Sales showed only a small increase and when Tesco asked customers why

County Council, Rodney Hobtextures were used to make

stemming the flow of staff."

managers in regular sessions over a six-month period. The result was a £41,000 annual saving in the cost of recruitment advertising. The deaths of the managing

third generation of the family. Principlett and Sons at St Helens, ran into problems and

in-the marketolace. The 13 retail outlets were the subject of an initiative designed to increase gross profit margins and encourage.customers to spend more. Groups of 30 attended two four-hour seminars, held in the relaxed atmosphere of a local hotel. Workers' comments formed the basis of a booklet giving guidance on attitude, behaviour and appearance. Inten-sive on-the-job training continued for six months under a team leader. Some staff members have since won promo-

they were not using the counter they said the display was not inviting and staff did not know much about the fish. The solution was to display the fish so that colours and

and to hold tasting sessions of exotic fish so staff could talk to customers about them with authority. Gloria Turpin, training manager, says: "Staff now believe that the fish depart-

presentation more attractive

ment is an exciting and inno-vative place to work. Staff on the fish counter are now considered to be specialists." The Ormerod Home Trust.

in Lancashire, which provides residential care and day sup-port services for 50 adults with learning difficulties, is now committed to continuous training. The turning point came in 1993 when the charity was heavily criticised in a report by Lancashire County Social Services Department.

The report called for a major change in the quality of service and the way it was delivered.

Training began by getting the 65 staff together to give the trust a new sense of direction. Jim Corley, who was appointed personnel and development manager in 1994 as a direct result, says: "Everyone was asked to offer solutions to existing problems. All views were accepted and some were implemented immediately."

had been met, team duced. Over three months, small groups led by line managers were released from their duties for a day of solving problems. All personnel now have a fully trained management structure to support their suggestions for improving the service. Apart from enjoying work more, they have a financial reward - wages are up 31 per cent since the changes

ere introduced.

A series of training projects for young people in the North West has brought a National Training Award for Rathbone CI. a charitable organisation. Of the 100 young people completing projects in June 1995. 81 went on to further education, training or employment or achieved qualifica-

The early retirement of 500 engineering staff after privati-sation meant that Southern Electric had to replace the skills it was losing without increasing manpower.

A training programme has produced a more flexible workforce and a reduction of Ell million on the payroll. Southern, which sells electricity to 26 million homes and businesses in central southern England, gave experienced engineering staff a refresher

course so that they could act as trainers for 400 staff, who each undertook 300 hours of study plus on-the-job training over a

method helped SPS Technologies to turn a £26,000 invest-£100,000 saving. Instead of having one long production line, the workforce at SPS, which makes fasteners for the civil and military aerospace teams with a variety of skills, that are responsible for the

whole manufacturing process.

The "cell" technique training programme has raised quality standards, and halved the amount of scrap and reworking. Sales per employee

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are up 40 per cent.
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council Housing Department has won an award for training staff to meet the needs of minority races. Abdul Ravat, research officer, says: "The department is now providing a better service for Bangladeshi and Pakistani families and is increasingly seen as an example of good practice in ethnic

sion for Racial Equality."

The population of Oldham is 220,000 and the housing department manages almost 21,000 properties. The department undertook a series of courses to train councillors and staff on the Race Relations to discuss their concerns openly and frankly, resulting in a revision of recruitment procedures and policies on racial

harassment Widemarsh Workshop at Hereford provides vocational training in catering skills for adults with varying degrees of disability. Funded by Hereford and Worcester County Council with the European Social Fund, it helps trainees to compete in the marketplace by acquiring skills and qualifications and to meet the requirements of legislation such as the Food Act.

Each individual needs a tailor-made training programme and personal atten-tion, and work placements help the students to find their place in the community. Help for people with mental

health needs, including learning disabilities, is provided at the Workbridge Centre in Northampton. The centre has been in existence since 1980 but its financial security was boosted in 1993 by an investment from St Andrew's, a private charitable psychiatric nospital.

To make the most of the opportunity, the centre's staff was trained to extend the range of services by opening an office skills workshop.

Training in our industry is sadly lacking," says Laurence Holt, chairman of Quidnunc, an information technology consultancy. The big companies hire music graduates and teach them outdated

He is a long-time campaigner for higher standards and more disclosure in the information technology industry. Quidnunc hires computer graduates and arms them ith techniques that are a blend of best practice theory and on-the-job experience over a number of years.

We do radical things like giving everyone a credit card and telling them to buy any book they think will be useful," Mr Holt says. "The real prize is lower staff turnover than the rest of the industry and high customer satisfaction. We are doubling in size every other year and constantly taking on new technolo-



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Greenwich Caledonian is delighted to add the National Training Award for 1996 to its growing list of achievements.

The Award recognises Greenwich Caledonian's status as a 'model' training company, and enhances the organization's position as world leader in the field of aero-engine overhaul and repair.

A New Generation of Power



Dorothy Perkins: staff training has increased store sales

sors and one gained NVQ

Level 5 in management. In the North East, three

companies - Home Housing

Association, a provider of rented accommodation, East

Training Education and

Community (ETEC), a training provider, and M.J. Gleeson Group, a civil engineering company — joined forces to help job-seekers and 20 have found work

The partnership has been involved in rebuilding a series

of four-storey blocks of flats in

Sunderland, and many of the

trainces have succeeded in

achieving Levels I and 2 in

areas such as bricklaying.

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The training initiative

started with the compilation of

a register of local people wanting to develop their skills

and enter the workforce. From

this 85 job-seekers were invited

to take part in a building-skills

induction course. They re-

ceived on-site work experience and, if they proved capable,

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Hedon Salads Ltd., a grow

er and distributor of salad

produce, based on Humber-

side, won a national award as

a company and one of its staff.

Lynne Hockney, 32, collected

an individual award. Tom

Salmon, managing director, says: "We are building com-

mercial success by empowering our people. The

result is a £16 million-turnover

company employing 210."

39 have found work.

Commitment to a Total

Quality Management (TQM)

approach to staff training has

led to High Lea House Resi-

dential Home in Oswestry.

Shropshire, being recognised

as one of the most desirable

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area and has resulted in it

achieving Investors in People

Seven staff have learnt new

therapeutic skills, 14 are now qualified in first aid, four have

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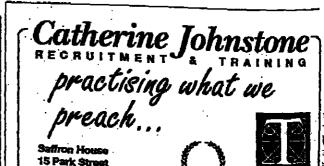




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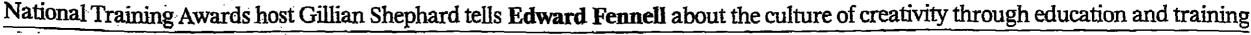
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illian Shephard, the Sec-retary of State for Education and Employment, is a fan of the National Training Awards. "Providing role models is a much better. means of getting messages across than lecturing people," she says.— not least because of the media

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coverage the awards attract." As an example of success through training, Mrs Shephard singles out Hedon Salads of Hull, whose new management succeeded in making a failed business highly

Hedon's revival was based on a training programme focused on National Vocational Qualifications. The previous management, by contrast, had paid no attention

Similarly, Mrs Shephard cites impressive individuals such as Ms Joeley Roberts of Liverpool City Council, who won her award for the way in which she pursued a career and qualifications in construction while also being her family's main breadwinner.

What unites Hedon Salads and Ms Roberts, Mrs Shephard notes, is that both have taken full advantage of the available training facilities and mechanisms. She says: "The Government's role is to provide the infrastructure for the national training system, but individuals and organisations must then take responsibility for

This view has been the consistent Conservative position since the mid-Eighties when Lord Young Harvesting the rich rewards of our labours

Services Commission, then at the emphasised that more priority had to be given to training and vocat-ional education. Mrs Shephard represents the culmination of the

process started by Lord Young. As the first Secretary of State to combine the areas of both education and employment, she sends out the message that education is a preparation for employment; employment and training should be a continuation of education.

The consultative paper Lifetime Learning, Lifetime Learning, pub-lished recently by the Department of Education and Employment (DIEE), comments: "Creating a culture of lifetime learning is crucial to sustaining and maintiveness. Technological change will dominate the working lifetimes of those now in work and we must be in a position to adapt. At the individual level, our personal competitiveness will have a major effect

on our prosperity."

One key result of this has been to

6 In Britain we have managed to achieve changes other countries would love to emulate 9

extend concern for training beyond the young. In many cases, the word "training" has been replaced by "learning" — and learning is for everyone. Mrs Shephard sees this new philosophy bearing fruit, for example, in the way that the

much more responsive to industry. Even university vice-chancellors

now talk to their local industries. "There is," Mrs Shephard says, "a new culture about, which is much envied by our counterparts in

the European Community. I am now inundated by requests for interviews with foreign journalists - including from Germany - asking how we in Britain have managed to achieve these changes. Other countries would love to emulate us." She points out that the changes are marked not just

by educationists taking more interest in industry; those outside education are also keen to become involved in learning. In her constituency, for example, what is known as the Thetford Learning Curve has recently brought together all sides of the community - and

not just educationists — to create a local network in which learning is

made accessible to all. One field in which there have been persistent problems, however, is youth training, where a succession of programmes - stretching right back to the Youth Opportunities Programme of the Seventies --have, in general, failed to win credibility either among employers or young people.

The establishment of the Modern Apprenticeship system in 1995 has gone some way towards meeting criticism that there was a vacuum in high-quality vocational training. Even so, a lot depends on the proposed launch this September of the new National Traineeships, which aim to offer training to those with modest educational

The general election will deter-mine whether Mrs Shephard is still at the the Department for Educa-tion and Employment to observe the lift-off of National Traineeships. But maybe the underlying problem, which she or her succes sor (of either party) may find hard to counter, is that, as recent surveys suggest, the British people still lack, recent surveys suggest, a real commitment to be well-educated.

Persuading people to change their indifference to learning is likely to be the key question for politicians, of whatever colour, who occupy the post of Secretary of State for Education and Employment in



Gillian Shephard says the NTA scheme undoubtedly works

## Why we all need the right kind of support

udging National Train-release the great potential ing Awards has become which is locked up in most an annual date in the calendar for John Hougham of Acas, the veteran chairman of the individual awards panel, Edward Fennell writes. But rather than seeing it as a chore he continues to be excited about the candidates

"In most cases it is a privilege to meet these people who often display astonishing personal qualities and have frequently had to overcome considerable odds to achieve their success," he says. "The stories they have to tell are impressive and we often end

the judging process teeling awed. This year there are 17 individual

award winners. Hougham feels he is now well positioned to judge some of the prerequisites success. for "From the individual point of i think view what really matters is partner-

In charge John

Hougham

are often exceptional people, but even they have mostly achieved their progress through partnership

Whether that be a spouse, a supportive employer, a trainer or a parent will depend on the individual circumstances, but rarely does change take place unaided."

The power of training, according to Mr Hougham, is that it can often transform people who start off with low self-esteem into those who bubble with confidence.

"As a result of having to contend with difficult conditions, these people have often emerged as more rounded characters. This can result in their lives being transformed as well. By being successful at work they achieve the confidence to be more active outside it. Their energy is sometimes astonishing.

This point was emphasised by Prue Leith, patron of this year's awards, who believes passionately in the need to

Ms Ruby Morgan.

Lewisham, London

Mr Stephen Raven.

Ms Joeley Roberts.

Ms Sarab Rai.

Derby.

individuals. To free that potential is the great challenge.

"Work is an important part of life for most of us," she says. The more we can grow at work and acquire new skills and responsibilities through training, the fuller we become as people and the more interesting lives we can lead. Training can be an enriching process for us in wider ways than just work."

This approach is central to the awards. As Mr Hougham points out, what the NTA judges are interested in is "the distance covered". The bright young man who

starts off with a double first from entrée to a merchant bank is unlikely to be the winner of an NTA award. But the person who failed at school and found bimself (or herself) in a dead end job is at a much better starting point. The need to get

out of that dead end iob is one of

those critical

points in one's life at which. Mr Hougham believes, the future is cast. Accept the circumstances and nothing will ensue. Start planning how to escape and you are on the right track. "Finding the right kind of support at critical times is so vital. Those who are really successful also have the luck to get help when they need it most," he says.

Ensuring that there are facilities and assistance available to help individuals is, perhaps, one of the crucial roles for Training and Enter-prise Councils (and LECs, their equivalent in Scotland).

Geoff Armstrong, the director-general of the Institute of Personnel and Development and chair of the corporate panel for NTAs, says: "What I am particularly pleased to see, through the National Traincloseness of co-operation between training providers and employers in building effective training programmes."

Winning a National Training Award means prestige, better recruits, publicity and a certain amount of quiet satisfaction.



If you'd like to bask in the glory of winning a 1997 National Training Award, contact your local TEC/LEC in England and Scotland, the National Council for Vocational Qualifications (NCVQs) in Wales and the

fraining and Employment Agency in Northern Ireland. You'll find their numbers in your local telephone

directory right next to your competitors.

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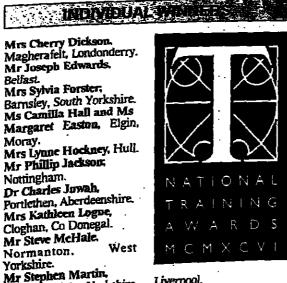
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Liverpool. Liversedge, West Yorkshire. Miss Penny Rushen, Brierley Hill, West Midlands. Ms Irene Stevenson, Sheffield. Mr Clive Tabiner,

Training has motivated employees and helped to move companies from near disaster to prosperity throughout the British Isles

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## Safety, profits and helping youngsters

ncreased productivity, motivation, safety and profitability are among the L benefits of training, according to the Welsh winners of the National Training Awards, Iola Smith writes.

At Tower Colliery in the Cynon Valley, South Wales, the priority is safety. "If we can't produce coal safely, we don't produce it," Gary O'Brien, the training officer, says.

The pit was judged unviable by British Coal and was closed. But in 1994 the miners bought it and it became Europe's first worker-owned colliery. Tower then became the first colliery in Britain to become an NVQ examination centre, with 190 miners enrolling for a course to brush up on their skills.

All achieved NVQ standards and training is now directed towards new staff. For the first time in 15 years young people have been recruited to the mining industry in Wales. Tower's accident absenteeism rate has been reduced substantially since the buy-out, with a £500,000 saving on insurance.

BP Chemicals in Port Talbot decided in 1992 to structure its maintenance staff into multiskilled teams under a training scheme for which 295 people enrolled. Focusing on both classroom tuition and practical projects, it ensured that trainees were able to undertake the tasks expected.

Some staff went on to obtain NVOs

programme that we are piloting." Clive John, the training officer says. The remainder are thoroughly trained and now spend two periods a year undergoing either refresher courses or learning new skills." The course has resulted in fewer equipment breakdowns and increased productivity.

The other two winners in Wales, Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran, and the Princes Trust Volunteers are from the service sector. For Parkway, seeking AA four-star accreditation gave them the impetus to develop a training programme

The course, which 90 staff joined, was customised to meet the needs of each department. According to Lisa Jay, general manager of the 70-bed hotel, the result was a significant improvement in standards and customer service. There were 61 per cent fewer complaints and a 27 per cent reduction in staff turnover.

The Prince's Trust Volunteers seeks to encourage young people between 16 and 25 into employment or further training by boosting their confidence and decisionmaking powers. The Pembrokeshire branch trains 135 people a year towards a City and Guilds qualification and a Profile of Achievement. In 1995, 34 per



Miners at Tower Colliery show their elation after buying it from British Coal

Greenwich Caledonian is now a leader in the aero-engine repair sector

## Greater skills and better methods

environmental improvements are L just two of the positive effects from Scottish training initiatives. Victoria Walker writes.

After its training programme resulted in rapid growth, the haulage firm United Freight Distribution Ltd enlarged its fleet from 28 to 40 trucks and made an annual

roin 2s to 40 frees and made an armular saving of £64,000 in fuel costs.

Drivers receive tuition in their legal responsibilities and managing time and are trained in heavy-goods vehicle driving, deliveries and geography. Elizabeth MacDonald, Human Resource Manager, says: "We are now considering a training resource centre which will include materials on CD-ROM, videos

and other open-learning packages."
Drumchapel Opportunities Ltd and
Strathclyde Buses Ltd become National Training Award joint winners. Responding to the bus company's difficulty in recruiting drivers who held a passenger carrying vehicle (PCV) licence, Drum-chapel Opportunities, a Glasgow charity. set up a project funded by the Glasgow Development Agency. It targets the long-term unemployed and offers a job for successful candidates. So far, 161 recruits have joined Strathclyde Buses.

The Uists and Barra Training Programme is attempting to improve the prosperity of the Outer Hebridean islands. The initiative started in 1993, SCOTLAND

offers 16 S/NVQs, ranging from tourism to childcare. To date, 108 people have attained a qualification.

Greenwich Caledonian has emerged as a leader in the aero-engine repair sector. A training programme developed to cut down costs and improve efficiency has resulted in a 25 per cent increase in sales. Team leaders and process managers were recruited to assist in teaching new skills and operational methods.

NTA winner, Wellwise, (formerly WiseStart) was started in Lanarkshire in 1992 to teach construction industry skills to the long-term unemployed. Trainees have a 52-week contract and are paid a wage, receiving training and assessment up to a level 2 Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ). They also work on building projects. About 70 per cent of them have found full-time employment.

To alleviate the number of hours junior doctors work, the Queen Margaret Hospital NHS Trust decided some of the nursing staff could take over responsi-bility for routine tasks. Six medical support nurses underwent a ten-day training programme. Not only has this benefited the wards, it has also opened up new career possibilities and resulted in a national recognised qualification the

# Bakery hits right recipe for success

isaster was looming for O'Hara's Bakeries in the early Nineties. says Maria Herron, marketing co-ordinator. It had problems with industrial relations and had to move to a new factory in Beliast to comply with environmental health regulations, Amanda Loose

"We all had to pull together and decided the best way was to change the culture of the factory and improve communications. We started quarterly meetings where the managing director explains changes to the 328 staff, Ms Herron says.

We also needed to improve efficiency and to comply with EC hygiene directives, so we introduced training in bakery techniques and have an in-house hygiene expert to train staff. Now 12 of the factory

expert to train staff. Now 12 of the factory staff are doing a Scottish NVQ in craft bakery, while II managers of our 36 shops are doing NVQs in retailing."

St Mary's College in Londonderry also emphasises the importance of qualifications for life. An all-girls school with 1,000 pupils aged from 11 to 18 and a staff of 86, it began a training programme in 1990 for teachers, parents and support staff.

Geraldine Keegan, the headteacher, says: "We wanted to break the circle of low skills and unemployment in the area, and to involve the community in the school's development. Parent teaching as-

school's development. Parent teaching assistants asked us for training to give them

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and so on. Now about 90 people are being trained, including staff."

trained, including staff."

The Orchardville Society in Belfast was founded by parents in 1987 to provide vocational training for adults with severe learning difficulties. The Orchardville Business Centre opened in 1994 so trainees could receive computer and office training in an office environment. Trainees have the opportunity to gain RSA and NVQ qualifications and work experience in the public and private sectors.

Alan Thomson, from the award-winning business centre, says: "The trainees

Alan Thomson, from the award-war-ning business centre, says: "The trainess provide a desktop publishing service for about 20 regular customers, which goes some way to supporting the centre. It is also funded by several other organ-isations. The scheme is a stepping stone, reflecting a real change in attitudes to people with learning difficulties. They now have a chance to prove what they can do and how adaptable they are to new

technology."

Barry McLean is campaign manager of Business in the Community, a programme which teaches the skills of the rivate sector to voluntary organisations. We started 21 years ago in response to demands from the voluntary sector for business expertise and wider experience,"



Diploma in Professional Studies 2. ... NVQ training helped to pull O'Hara's Bakeries back from the brink of failure

#### ROS DRINKWATER ON THE 18 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE JUDGED WINNERS

ridging the gap between earning a living and enjoying the fruits of a worthwhile career is the achievement of this year's individual winners of the National Training Awards, 11 women and seven men, who demonstrate the rewards of commitment to training.

Cherry Dickson describes her most pleasurable experience as "witnessing women reach their full potential in education and employment. having overcome many barriers on the way." After 20 years as a farmer's wife and mother of four, Mrs Dickson decided to spend a year training and accepted the post of women's officer at her local Action for Community Employment pro-

To date her qualifications include an RSA Stage 1 in computing, a certificate in counselling and a diploma in community development practice. She is now a respected community leader helping other women to run community-based groups, applying her skills to the everyday prob-lems facing people in Northern ireland

In 1991 when wife and mother Lynne Hockney took an evening class in car maintenance in an effort to help her husband's taxi cab business she had no idea of the impact it would have on her life. Working for Hedon Salads, in a traditionally male-dominated industry, her prospects for promotion were slim, but the evening class whetted her appetite for further advance-

She embarked on a series of training courses including health and safety, food hygiene, first aid and an NVQ Level 2 in Intensive Crop Production. In 1994 she was appointed Glasshouse Foreman and within a year her block had become top producer on the nursery. Kathleen Logue was a ma-

chinist who achieved high standards of output and quality. This was the springboard that set her on a career path that would lead from shop floor to senior management.

Recognising her own potential, she applied for the position of training instructor, a job that became the key to her success. Today her leadership qualities are highly respected

As general manager with Naturelle Consumer Products, Mrs Logue has helped the

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company to gain ISO 9002 accreditation and a certification mark for the industrial coverage range of products. The local community has benelited through her creation of jobs and the introduction of men into traditionally female

When he left school at 18 Philip Jackson was an underachiever with a speech impediment. Today he is an accomplished public speaker with a demanding position as a nursing-home consultant responsible for training 80 employees. He has set up NVQ assessment centres in retail and hairdressing. Sixty per cent of his staff have achieved. or are working towards, an NVQ in Care and he is steering the group towards an Investors in People Award. Mr Jackson's goal has been constant, to develop his own skills to enable him to help others to realise their

To see individuals gain in confidence and self-esteem is a joy, and to be involved as they develop and progress is wonderful," he says. "it allows me to repay the people who have

Sylvia Forster had to aban-

don her academic ambitions early on in order to help support her widowed mother. Only when her own children began school did embark on her nursing career, working as a part-time nursing

She then trained as a State Enrolled Nurse specialising in care for the elderly and after five years moved to the private sector as a residential care manager.

Further training in manage-ment skills enabled her to convert to Registered General Nurse and five months after qualifying she was appointed matron of the Springchoice Care Coppins Nursing Home. She then studied for an HNC in Social Care, took an NVQ assessor course and qualified for D32 and D33.

She was then able to start NVQ training with her staff, and in addition to her responsibilities as matron, now teaches NVQ standards parttime at her local college.

Theoretical knowledge dovetailing with vocational and practical skills is the key to success in business," says Stephen Raven, summing up his business philosophy. He owns ASSIST Creative Resources, a multimedia communications business, with a growing list of prestigious corporate clients.

Mr Raven attributes his success to his commitment to education and training. He left school with poor English skills, but despite this he gained a degree in physical education, a postgraduate cer-tificate in education and became a lecturer in physical

Along the path from education to business Mr Raven taught himself multimedia authoring, desktop publishing and graphic design skills and gained an Open University MA by obtaining the NVO assessor qualification D32 and

In 1992 he set up his own company, and in 1994 ASSIST Health and Fitness won an NTA. It was the launch pad for the formation of his present

Despite having to care for her younger sister and disabled father, Joeley Roberts left school with six GCSE passes. She applied for a job as an apprentice in all trades at Liverpool City Council and was employed as an apprentice carpenter and joiner on a three-year, college-based course. She thrived in the job. achieving NVQ Levels 1, 2 and 3 in carpentry and joinery. In 1993, with her eye on a position

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in management, she began studies for an Ordinary National Certificate in Building Construction and will complete her training this year. It was an evening class in Alevel history that set hospital porter Steve McHale on a

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path to continuous learning. Not only did the class boost his confidence, it transformed his career aspirations. Mr McHale enrolled on the Registered Mental Nurse training course at Wakefield College, gained a teaching qualification and went on to study for a BA (Hons) Degree in Combined Studies. He feels

his training has brought him enormous personal benefits. The degree broadened my thinking and deepened my analytical skills," he says. "It also taught me research techniques that are more impor-

tant in nursing."
From childhood Penny Rushen's ambition was to work as a cook. After her first iob as cook to an Admiral, she spent four years in the Army and worked as a Post Office catering manager.
Having joined Dudley Met-

ropolitan Borough Council Catering Services as a trainee manager, she studied for the Institute of Personnel Development qualification and today, as general manager, runs a business with a turnover in excess of £5 million, overseeing 700 staff who provide 20,000 meals every day.

Ms Rushen's efforts have saved the company more than £30,000 with no interruption to service or quality and she has also contributed to Dudley MBC being recognised as an Investor in People In eight years Joseph Ed-

wards has progressed from a job as a labourer with Dorma Old Bleach factory of Randals town, County Antrim, to playing a pivotal role in the success of the company. Today, he is responsible for

the training and development of 240 people. Taking at least two courses a year, Mr Ed-wards has qualified in planning, finance, personal computing, programme design and as an adult literacy tutor. He has gained a professional diploma in management and is well on his way to a Master of Science degree.

It was with the goal of becoming a teacher that Charles Juwah graduated from Nigeria's University of Maiduguri with a degree in Agricultural Science. Now a science course leader ar Aberdeen College, he has an impressive list of qualifications including a Bachelor's and a Master's degree and a

Dr Juwah is wholly committed to the principal of continuous development. "I have become more aware of the need for lifetime learning," he says, "and the requirement to keep abreast of new knowledge and changes in my professional practices.

In 15 years Sarah Rai has progressed from her general nurse training to a managerial position and is consultant nurse of three nursing and residential care homes. As a result of her vision and commitment. Rushcliff Nursing Home won a Business Enterprise Award in 1992.

Feeling that his career op

tions were limited by his lack of qualifications. Clive Tabiner enrolled on a threeyear HND course in Rural Resource Management with the aim of working towards a career in countryside, leisure and tourism. "It was at Seale Hayne College in Devon that I really learnt to read books and journals effectively," he says. Soon after leaving college he

became assistant farm manager at Farmworld near Leicester and in 1992 was promoted to the position of farm manager. Aware of the need to deliver top quality customer service. Mr Tabiner decided that the investors in People programme was ideal to develop his small staff team. A sufferer from ME for five

years, Irene Stevenson has nevertheless achieved her ambition of a BSc Degree and a teaching post in further education. In addition, she has taken an HNC in computer studies, a postgraduate diploma in management studies and is working towards an MBA and a certificate in education.

Made redundant in 1994. she took work as a part-time lecturer at Sheffield Hallam Unniversity and in 1995 was offered her present full-time

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position at Dearne Valley College. A bonus is that her job involves working with people made redundant due to the closure of the mining industry in the region. "Helping them towards new jobs is immense-

rewarding," she says. In his 18 years with Interface Europe Ltd., Stephen Martin has risen to a management role with responsibility for health and safety, technical and management services, plus quality and environmental matters His steady career progres-

sion has been underninned by gaining a Master's degree in management, a remarkable achievement for someone whose school career lacked distinction. Several of Mr Martin's many qualifications have been translated into business initiatives in which he has worked with colleagues to gain commitment to a new system or policy.

After a series of temporary jobs Ruby Morgan realised that the positions that suited her best were those which involved contact with the public. As housing assistant with the London Borough of Lewi-sham she attended in-house vocational training courses and had two promotions in

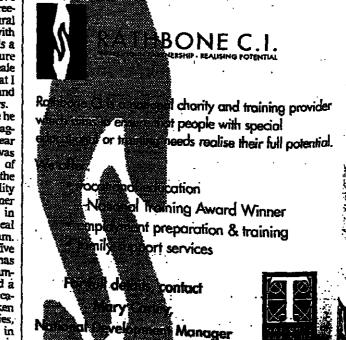
rapid succession. Her next step was to attend

a four-year, day release place ment, gaining both the BTEC National Certificate and the Higher National Certificate in

housing studies. In 1994 when Lewisham introduced NVQs, Ms Morgan trained as an assessor and in 1996 qualified for the role of internal verifier within the council Among her achievements is her development of a quality customer services

Camilla Hall and Margaret Easton, who share a joint award, are both experienced nurses, working in psycho-geriatric care and within the field of long-stay care of the elderly for Moray Health Services Trust. They believed that some of the falls suffered by the patients could be prevented, and trained themselves in clinical audit techniques by taking an open learning course through the University

of Dundee. Thus armed, they devised a fall prevention policy involving alarm systems, concentrating staff levels at high risk times and identifying high risk patients. The result was a drop in the number of falls in the study ward from 21 to six for an equivalent period, and the two nurses have now disseminated their findings to a worldwide audience.







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The Prince and I: Branagh stays faithful to the text, but swamps Hamlet in

gloss and stars



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Attenborough's charming but dull In Love and War tells the story of Hemingway's wartime romance



FILM 4

Steve Buscemi turns director to take a wry look at small-town America in Trees Lounge

CINEMA: Geoff Brown stands back as Branagh unleashes his all-star, full-length Hamlet at modern groundlings

# Ken's lust action hero

omorrow, St Valen-tine's Day, brings us songs of love from the likes of Richard Attenborough and The Brothers McMullen's Edward Burns. There are also new films from Kenneth Branagh and John Cleese. Who said love was dead? Who said British cinema was dead? Who, indeed,

said Shakespeare was dead? Branagh does not think so, although the most striking aspect of his plush, four-hour Hamlet is the effort he makes to convince young audiences that the Bard is worth the popcom, the slurpy drink, and the other accountrements of a night at the movies in 1997.

As adapter and director, Branagh seems terrified that the Elizabethan language might sail over heads. Every line — and this is the complete play - is enunciated with the kind of clarity suited to people hard of hearing. And if the text offers a chance for an illustrative glimpse or flashback, Branagh leaps in. So here are Hamlet and Ophelia (Branagh and Kate Winslet) making love; over there, young Ham makes merry with Yorick (Ken Dodd, very daft) and Ophelia paces her padded cell. It's all rather exhausting.

Branagh also plumps for massive visual decoration. He shoots in 70mm, each image crisp as frost on a windowpane. He shifts the play to the late 19th century, when pomp still held sway, monarchies still ruled, and characters could wear a dazzling wardrobe of checkered jackets, brocade and gold tassels. Elsinore brooding winter palace. The exterior is actually Blenheim, dressed in tons of artificial snow; the interior State Hall is a black-and-white chessboard ringed by galleries, stairways and balustrades. It could almost be the set for an MGM

The casting, too, is meant to dazzle. The chief parts may be in stalwart hands (Derek Jacobi as Claudius, Richard Briers as Polonius, Julie Christie as Gertrude), but the smaller parts are enlivened or ruined by all manner of men. Robin Williams makes something out of the courtier Osric; Gravedigger, passes muster: while Gérard Depardieu, Polonius's servant Reynaldo,

gives cause for titters. And what of Branagh himself, pacing the corridors with trim moustache and blond Nordic hair? His Hamlet is no introspective prince: this isn't an option when you play to the gallery. His is a nimble, mercurial Hamlet, largely un-exceptional, except when he acts mad and pulls faces. Perhaps more of Branagh's creative juices went into directing rather than acting; the film is certainly more of a piece

> Hamlet Curzon Mayfair PG, 242 mins Branagh's Shakespeare for the masses

Fierce Creatures Empire, PG, 93 mins Broad farce from John Cleese

In Love and War Warner West End 15, 115 mins Soggy romance from Richard Attenborough

She's the One ABC Tottenham Court Road, 15, 97 min Amiable but slight romantic comedy

Trees Lounge Virgin Haymarket 15, 95 mins Diary of a Long

than any other of his Shakeoften adopts the full-frontal position, catching performances in long takes, although the scene with Chariton Heston's Player King benefits from edgy shots of watching faces.

And so the film advances, richly caparisoned, subtlety mostly banished, the lines thumped home for all to hear. As you emerge, blinking, from four hours in the dark, you may feel tired and bludgeoned, but you cannot ever accuse Branagh of failing to achieve his goal: the complete the multiplexes.

If there was room in Hamlet for Dodd, Williams, Crystal and company, where, you might think, was John Cleese? Too busy tinkering with Fierce Creatures, his long-awaited companion to A Fish Called Wanda. Shooting was completed in 1995. Reactions of preview audiences persuaded Cleese to rewrite the final third, but a year had to pass before his Wanda co-stars, Kevin Kline, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Palin, were free to return to the project. Robert Young, the original director, was never able to return, so Fred Schepisi filled the breach for the reshoot.

For all the protracted gestation, the film seems all of a piece: a farce, set in an English 200, that telegraphs its jokes in advance but still allows laughter of sorts to flourish. None of the characters from Wanda surfaces, but there is the same delight in ribbing the British Establishment, indulging in sexual comedy and wooing American audiences. Cleese's character is Rollo Lee, newly appointed director of a zoo recently acquired by an Australian multi-media mogul (one of Kline's dual roles).

n order to indicate the mogul's vulgarity. Cleese and his co-writer lain Johnstone let the man rip with farts and belches. Luckily, greater subtlety goes into other parts of the script, like the zoo's "fierce animal policy", designed to beef up boxoffice takings, but difficult to achieve with creatures such as

But Fierce Creatures relies mostly on Cleese's squawks and bluster, on dropped pants and raised eyebrows, plus broad satire on marketing strategies, sponsorship deals and other signs of the times. Creatures is not as funny as Wanda, itself an overrated film, but it gets by.

One of the very last diversions of Hamlet is the sight of Richard Attenborough as the English Ambassador who ar-rives with the redundant news that Rosencrantz and Guilderstern are dead. All in a day's work for Attenborough,

of course, who has spent most al response to the affair). But they never seem other than of his recent time filming In Love and War at Shepperton movie figures, gliding through studios and a fetching group of an undernourished film. Italian locations. Italy's job was to provide the backdrop for the love that ignited, flick-

ered and faded between an

ambulance driver called Er-

nest Hemingway and a nurse

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ough's other biographical dra-

mas, this romance does not

attempt to plumb the depths,

although he still aims for a

spectacle throbbing with size

in the summer of 1918.

She's the One, Edward Burns's follow-up to the inde-pendent hit, The Brothers McMullen, is more of the same, only on a bigger budget. Burns himself plays Mickey, the only English-speaking white guy driving a cab in New York. He becomes involved with, and marries, a comedy.

fare named Hope (Maxine Bahns). Meanwhile, Mike McGlone, another Brothers McMullen alumnus, is cheating on his wife Rene (Jennifer Aniston, from Friends) with Heather (Cameron Diaz). Mickey's dream woman turned monster. Confused? Not for long: Burns takes great care to keep things clear in this pleasant enough, but

Even quieter pleasures are offered by Trees Lounge, the first feature directed by actor Steve Buscemi, pop-eyed talisman of American independent movies. As so often with first endeavours, he has dug into his own past to spin the sadfunny story of Tommy Basilio (played by Buscemi himself, who else?), a barfly and out-ofwork mechanic who finds

salvation of sorts driving his

through the dull streets of Valley Stream, Long Island. This is Buscemi's home town, and the film's sense of place is a major asset. Another is its generous re-

sponse to all manner of humans, from Buscemi's funny, petulant loser to the older fixtures propping up the bar. and the 17-year-old girl, winningly played by Chloe Sevigny, who complicates the late uncle's ice-cream truck hero's life.



"It is more of a piece than any other of his Shakespeare forays": Kenneth Branagh with Kate Winslet in his occasionally exhausting Hamlet

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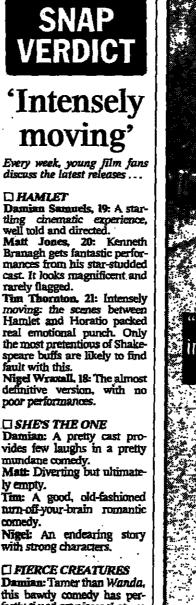
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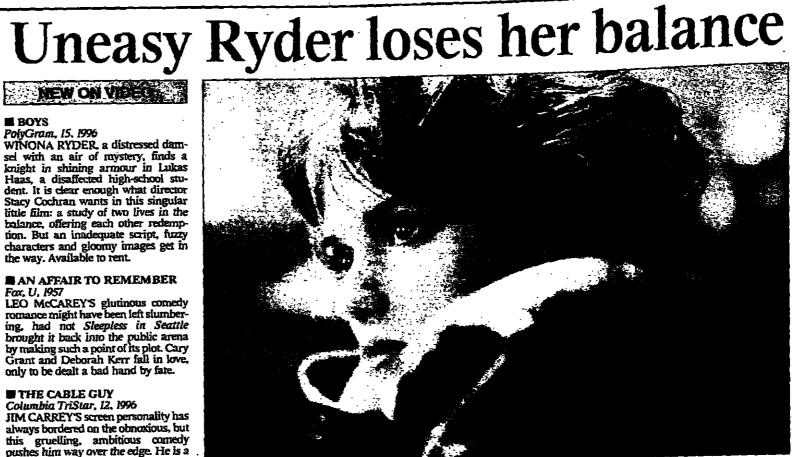
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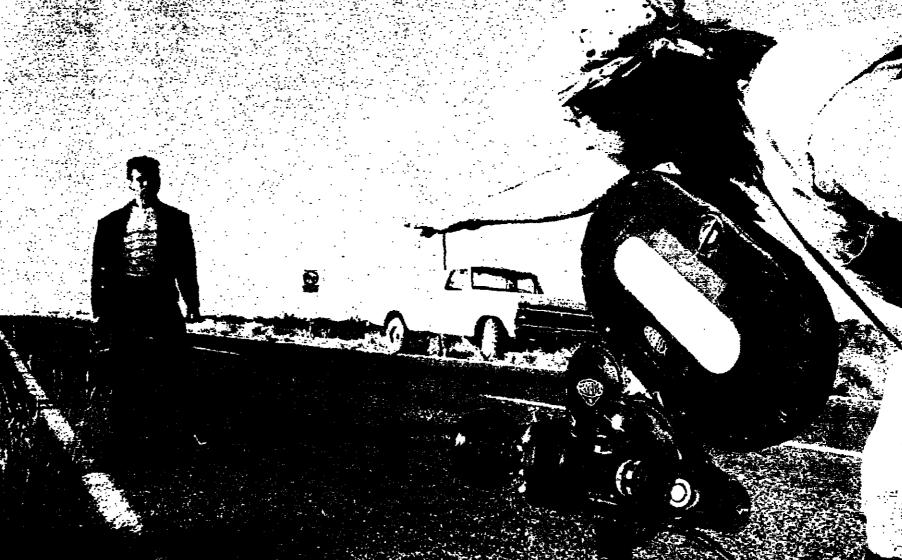
imost everybody, it seems, wants to make a movie. Bookshops fill entire shelves with how-to books about scriptwriting and film pro-duction. Fashionable universities offer courses and workshops: the current Sight and Sound magazine offers nine advertisements from institutions in Britain and North America, dangling the prospect of becoming the next discovery at the Sundance Film Festival, or - why not? — Cannes itself.

The Times is doing its part, too, by today launching a competition offer ing as the top prize a key weapon in the film-maker's armoury: an Arriflex 16SR 3 camera. This is the kind of handheld equipment that Robert Rodriguez used to make El Mariachi, which cost \$7,000 to make, and shot Rodriguez from nowhere into the front line of

American independent directors. If ever dreams came true, they did for Rodriguez - and ahead of schedule. Recalling his 23rd birthday in his amusing book about his Mariachi adventures, Rebel Without a Crew, he writes: "Orson Welles made Citizen Kane when he was 25. Spielberg made Jaws at 26. So I've only got about two or three years to make my breakthrough

This was not always so. When studios ruled, both in Hollywood and elsewhere, film-makers were expected to take time to mature. They worked behind the scenes, as editors, writers or cinematographers. They learnt on the job directing fodder: low-budget westerns, supporting shorts. John Huston was 35 when he made his first film, The Maltese Falcon. Fred Zinnemann, the director of High Noon, only got into his stride in his forties, after years of shorts or desperate films like My Brother Talks to Horses.

But without the support system of studios or television, aspiring filmmakers are forced to be mavericks, whether or not they have Welles's talent. They work up their script. which may be conceived as an anguished personal statement or, as commercial respectability. They finance their project through their day jobs, loans from friends or family, or their credit cards. Shooting takes place in an improvised frenzy; post-production scarcely exists. They submit their film to a festival, if possible Sundance, nurtured by Robert Redford: the preferred launching pad for any new American talent, especially after Steven Soderbergh's sex, lies, and videotape catapulted the 26-year-old director towards the Palme d'Or at



Robert Rodriguez, with the Arriflex camera that helped him to make a big-time career from a chicken-feed budget, directs Carlos Gallardo in a scene from El Mariachi

The maverick method has virtues and vices. The studio's embrace can and a screenplay honed by the best script doctors in the land. It can also ity. On the other hand, if you go it alone with a handful of friends and a shoestring budget, you have no one but yourself to slap your ideas into shape. First-time makers often have difficulty separating wheat from chaff, especially if the subject-

matter is personal. But the maverick's shoestring also inspires inventive film-making of a kind rarely known by an established director smothered in money. Your available set is too poky for words, so it's up to you to expand the unexpandable through camera an-

give your film a professional sheen. computer-generated effects have robbed film-makers of the ability to suggest. Everything is laid out before us, whether it be a swirling tornado or a spaceship the size of a football stadium. But, with humble resources, you can invite audiences to use their imagination. Not for

gles or crafty editing. Generous nothing has the lighting of German budgets and the marching army of Expressionist films influenced so many low-budget thrillers and experimental ventures. Shadows are wonderful for obscuring blank

The low-budget beginner can also blaze new paths, away from commercial fashions and formulae. Sadly, however, so few do. Each

#### CALLING ALL MOVIEMAKERS

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year, festivals get clogged with imitation Tarantino, or kindergarten Woody Allen movies. One dubious item is coming our way in two weeks' time. Bound, the credits by the Wachowski Brothers". Determined to get noticed. Larry and Andy Wachowski lacquer the screen with designer violence, and place two sultry lesbians at the head of a grubby, standard gangster story. Result: the year's most hollow

screen achievement. Luckily, others have better ambitions. With no film school training at all, Britain's Shane Meadows took a camera on to the streets of his home town, Nottingham, to make Small Time, 60 minutes of mordant

fun observing the foibles of thieves

all of £5,000: the perfect tonic for anyone tired of watching Helena arter cavort in in yet another heritage drama "I was lied to about films and how to make them," Meadows has said.

"I suffered at the hands of the failed film-maker. Only when I started making them for my own reasons and in my own style did anyone take any notice of me." My own reasons; my own style.

These are the crucial elements in making a first movie worth the heartache, poverty and sweat, and making the end product worth a paying audience's attention. Go to it.

sensitively realised by the members of the Endymion. The title of Casken's own Infanta Marina also and layabouts who will steal anyharks back to the work thing not nailed down. The film is of another American poet fresh, rude, close to life, and it cost Wallace Stevens — though the Marina of Shakespeare's Pericles was also an inspiration.

imagined to be passing between land and sea, past and present. To this end, Casken scores his piece for two groups of three instruments — Debussy's flute, viola and harp, plus clarinet, horn and double bass with a cor anglais situated between them and associating in turn with each. The piece is full of arresting

and novel touches, not least its coda, which takes off in a whirling flight of fancy. There was some fine playing from the Endymion under Quentin Poole, though in places, partic-ularly with reference to the solo cor anglais (Joseph Sanders), one wondered whether greater familiarity might draw out a more languid cantabile line.

Armstrong's single-movement Promenade shows its composer to have a good ear for combined sonorities as well as an instinct for invigorating thematic material.

BARRY MILLINGTON

## THEATRE: Marvellous Molière brings out the tragi-comic best in its cast. Plus an uneven Indian epic of nymphs and demons



Peter Bowles as Arnulphe in The School for Wives with Eric Sykes and Daniel Betts

## A touch of epic ennui

The tales of the Mahabharata do not appeal to all tastes, and I am one who finds quickly resistible those mighty battles and constant orders to young people to believe their elders know better. What we currently have at the Gate is a play derived from that epic by a poet named Kalidasa some two thousand years ago, and now translated by Peter Oswald, author of the National's recent Fair Ladies at a Game of Poem Cards.

That time Japan, this time India where King Duhshanta falls in love with the daughter of a heavenly nymph. They marry, he returns to his court but, before she can follow him, a demon curses her for being slow to open the door of her courtyard to his demands. A sexual subtext can be pictured

Shakuntala Gate

here, though the play runs smoothly over it. Nevertheless, the curse operates on the king's memory, causing him to forget he ever married the lovely Shakuntala, and the happy end is not reached until she has been snatched up into the sky, a missing ring found in the belly of a carp, and the king rides in the chariot of the gods to defeat an army of

demons against whom Indra The play offers intriguing problems of staging, some of which are neatly solved in indhu Rubasingham's production. Gods gaze down through rippling clouds at the

earth far below, and the first entry of the king (Silas Carson) on his own charlot is excellent. But much of the evening passes slowly, even though the scenes come hurtling after each other with sections of the story oddly left undramatised. perhaps to preserve a sense of the original epic style.

Oswald employs a language that uses the vocabulary of poetry without its grammar, imparting a sense of being suffocated under artificial blossoms. The quality of per-formance varies. Carson finds a fitting blend of hauteur and concern, and Will Keen is effective in several roles. Lesley McGuire daydreams prettily but did not convince me she would enchant a king.

JEREMY KINGSTON

### Bow to a clown prince caught in his buttonholes, you wonder if he risks unbalancdarkened? And, anyway, who could upstage Bowles in this mood? Not Sykes, not all three

n the past two years or so the purple lining of his suit Peter Bowles has success- and the odd, MacArnulphe I fully played a sexual and emotional down-and-out in Rattigan's Separate Tables, a curmudgeon with a heart in the same writer's In Praise of Love, and a terrifyingly grim hood in a play called Gangster Number One, so I cannot believe anyone now thinks of him as a television actor of limited range.

But if such an invincible idiot still exists, he should at once be taken by cart or, preferably, tumbril to Peter Hall's revival of

There, Bowles is The School for giving a perfor-Wives mance that should establish Piccadilly him once and for table, alongside the deftest, wittiest and most complete

actors we possess.

Arnolphe, the play's protag-onist, is a blend of *Pygmalion* and old goat, and one of the maddest and saddest of Molière's monomaniacs. He bought Agnes when she was four, has educated her to know nothing and nobody but him, and is preparing for the day when he can transfer her unsullied body from her provincial hideaway into his bed. These days we turn out cuckolds by the score, one man in two is married to a whore," boasts Bowles's Arnolphe,

pointing at bashful-looking members of the audience by way of emphasising that his love-life will be very different from the 17th or 20th-century It is not only in tragedy that hubris rears its head - or,

here, its auburn wig - and

gets its comeuppance. Every-

thing about Bowles proclaims

self-satisfaction, from his pre-

cious voice and smug smile to

tartan of his waistcoat. But ing the production. But no. Didn't Molière himthen Molière presents him with trouble in the form of a self highlight the commedia? young rival who also happens to be the son of an old chum. He must listen while Daniel Betts's trusting Horace confides his feelings for Gillian Kearney's doe-eyed Agnes and, for all the power that secrecy and pretended friend-

between them. It is a marvellous comic situation, and Bowles gets his laughs all right. But he isn't content to be the vindictive pantaloop or to smile glazed. ghastly smiles and laugh weird asth-

ship give him, he must watch

as love burgeons unstoppably

matic laughs while raging within. Jealousy changes him and not wholly for the worse. Self-love becomes love. The voracious old beau finds a growing tenderness for Agnes and a deepening despair inside himself. By the time he totters off with a tiny wail, thwarted by Molière's usual deus ex machina, he looks as if he has lost 3lb in weight and gained 30 years.

oreover. Bowles achieves this while V L doing perfect justice to the rhymed lambs of Ranjit Bolt's sometimes elegant, sometimes exorbitantly collo quial translation. No wonder I went out touched and delighted from a production that also brings back to the stage Eric Sykes as Agnes's custodian. With his drooping jowls and beaky nose, the comedian is a hilarious mix of bloodhound, moose and parrot. And when

he starts lugubriously mug-

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Peter Ackroyd on the restless life of a bad, but not mad, boy, who became the foremost symbol of Romanticism

# The wandering outlaw of his own dark mind

provokes astonishment rather than admiration; he was not so much a "flawed angel", as the subtitle of Phyllis Grosskurth's interesting biography suggests, but a devil who had all the best lines. He treated the world as if it were an importunate tradesman, and he never made the mistake of paying his own bills: he managed to turn indebtedness into

Like all great writers he was "self-made", as Phyllis Grosskurth mentions, but he also came from a reckless and extravagant family of adventurers; he had a terrible childhood, born with a deformed foot and abandoned by his father like some parable of the outcast. Child George's pilgrimage was indeed to be an arduous and ultimately unhappy one. He inherited his title at a very early age but he rarely possessed the means to maintain his suddenly exalted position; he only ever managed to live up to the deformity which, to judge by his despair and dissatisfaction, affected him more than anyone ever recognised

He was a bad, but not mad, boy perpetually falling in love with members of both sexes: all his life. in fact, he gives the impression of wrestling with some prince or princess lointaine who was constantly wounding and taunting him. He careered from Harrow to Cambridge, having already informed his doting and foolish mother that "I will carve myself the passage to Grandeur ...

It was in this period, therefore, he began to write poetry. His first success came with English Bards and Scotch Reviewers which is described by Phyllis Grosskurth as "one of the most unpleasant poems in the English language". It has a wilful fluency, however, Byron's greatest strength lay in his contempt, and his greatest weakness in

His first grand tour of Europe year, but he was restless in more than a topographical scense. He was always demanding, always dissatisfied, with a condition that his latest biographer labels "manic depression". He liked nothing so

constant excitement or risks sinking into a faint. He lived in extremes, doing everything too much, turning interests into obses-sions and turbulence into mania. Hence Phyllis Grosskurth's descriptions of his "manic dieting": there was a time when he ate nothing but mashed potatoes soaked in vinegar.

Such a person should not really be allowed to dominate the lives of others, but of course Byron proceeded to ruin the morals as well as the happiness of several people. "I cannot exist without some object of love," he once wrote, but that object was generally himself. His brief

> BYRON The Flawed Angel By Phyllis Grosskurth Hodder & Stoughton, £25 ISBN 0-340-60753 X

marriage, very well described here. was an affair of horror. One aspect of it may be a clue to many others: eating, so his wife was forced to dine in another room. He was in fact happy only in his incestuous union with his half-sister, Augusta, and that is because her features closely resembled his own. Phyllis Grosskurth writes of his innate loveableness" but she provides no real evidence for that assertion: in fact her biography demonstrates all the chilly degrees of his cold-heartedness and indefatigable self-

sense, but criticism of a more orthodox kind does not often enter its pages. Phyllis Grosskurth is more intent upon the life than the art - although at the end, as she suggests, the two came together and created a formidable however, was always significant. His now celebrated speech exonerating the behaviour of the Luddite "frame-breakers" did not receive much notice at the time, but the publication in the same year of

t is a critical biography in that

much as excess, and possessed one Childe Harold's Pilgrimage of those natures which needs caused a great sensation. It is caused a great sensation. It is always claimed that he became famous overnight, but the fame was at first reserved to a small group of wealthy or aristocratic families. He adored his success, of course, and found it easy to adopt a pose or create a persona. In the drawing rooms of London, Byron became Byronic.

That he was a poet of genius is not really in doubt. He lived within a dream of passion which only became real in his poetry; in life it was formless and vacant (and thus with the terrible potential of enveloping other people) but in his art it was controlled and melodic. Phyllis Grosskurth is right to find in Don Juan the "fusion of the lyrical and satirical", but half the power of Byron's verse comes from his ability to project himself upon the world. He found in the spectacle of decaying empires, or of beleaguered races, an emblem of his own fate; he was in that sense a public writer, even if it was a kind

After being a sensation, he took the next step and ascended into scandal; intimations of incest, and the prurient gossip surrounding the separation from his unfortunate wife, almost obscured his face as a writer. So, like many before and after him, he moved to the Continent and spoke of England to his friends as "your country". He grew fat, dissipated, and debauched, with an interest in gondoliers as well as girls.

The truth of his poetry is the truth of the man; he had no enduring or constant feelings but he was master of the fleeting mood. able in a letter or in a conversation perfectly to express the emotion he was then temporarily experiencing. That is why he was intoxicating, even addictive, but in the end unsatisfactory.

So his long sojourn in Italy degenerated into a history of feuds and recriminations. There are lamous incidents - the death of his neglected daughter and the drowning of Shelley among them — but on the whole it is a sorry record of a wasted vocation. Phyllis Grosskurth makes the shrewd and significant point that, all his life,



Devil with the best lines detail of Sir William Allan's Lord Byron reposing in the house of a fisherman

paintings and drawings of a some-what effeminate or petulant figure.

The last act was, perhaps, the most paradoxical. The man who had almost criminally evaded reended in tears or, rather, in showers. After riding through the rain, Byron contracted a fever which killed him slowly as he lay "moaning, shivering, delirious".

Byron lived in large and empty rooms: this is the strongest image to be found of the man, somehow more arresting than the many sponsibility all his life, as Phyllis of Crosscurth demonstrates, was not conclude the many somehow suddenly meant to become the more arresting than the many saviour of Greece. The adventure himself into a myth, as Phyllis Grosskurth points out, as soon as everyone forgot that he had once

## **Tissues** of sound and sense

Michael Hofmann

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Wislawa Szymborska won the Nobel Prize last November, and Faber rushed out View With A Grain Of Sand the same month, it must have looked in some quarters like opportunism, but in fact it was only energetic coincidence. Poetry isn't yet something you can turn around in three weeks and the project to publish her had been in hand for two or

Szymborska was born in 1923. which makes her part of the same outstanding generation as Zbig-niew Herbet and Czeslaw Milosz. Her poems are wonderfully open, fresh, well-made, and readable This is their first major airing in English: in 1990, a small batch of them, People On a Bridge, was published by the tiny, plucky translation outlit, Forest Books.

She is squarely representative of

all that is best about Eastern European poetry of the Cold War era, a poetry that was disciplined, intelligent and deservingly popular. Much of it was written in the form of essay-poem or parable, with humour its only - lifesaving - luxury. Szymborska is a little more florid than some of her peers. and here she is well served by the strikingly good translations of Stanislaw Baranczak and Clare Cavanagh, with rhymes and comic off-rhymes, word-plays and neolo-

and register. The poems of Szymborska are clever, simple and concise, a clean, swift stroke of a gifted imagination. A poem called Funeral recreates the sad event from single lines of overheard speech; In Broad Daylight sees the ghost of a promising Polish poet who died in the Warsaw

gisms, and cool command of idiom



Les Murray: vehement gift

Uprising: An Unexpected Meeting turns an encounter between former lovers into a funny and disappointed bestiary: "Our snakes have shed their lightning./Our apes their flights of fancy./Our peacocks have renounced their plumes. The bats flew out of our hair long ago.//We fall silent in mid-sentence,/All smiles, past help./ Our humans/ Don't know how to talk to one another." I can't imagine anyone not enjoying Szymborska.

feel every bit as strongly about the great Australian poet. Les Murray, whose vehement gift seems to me at least equal to that of anyone now writing English. Un-like Szymborska, what he writes is not for the unimitiated reader, but if you like Hopkins or Dylan Thomas

you might try Murray. For some time now, Murray's books have been dedicated "to the glory of God". An amazingly wholehearted man and poet, an autodidact, a translator for the Australian Government from an array of languages, and now a cattle farmer on his father's ranch in New South Wales, he is as abundant and sometimes as harsh as what he writes about. His poems are dazzlingly careless tissues of sound and sense; there is no attenuation from thing to word; it's as though he took direction from

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Odd mornings, it's been all bloodflag And raffle green: a stopped-

motion shrapnel Of kingparrots. Smithereens when they freaked.

Never a pinch of anything: never less than a double handful. His nature poems are sui generis. His poems on depression, bullying and autism have a terrifying tender-ness. Subhuman Redneck Poems. the winner of the T.S. Eliot Prize (so far), is his best book in ten years.

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# Taking Ames

Former British agent Oleg Gordievsky settles old scores with a spy who almost sent him to the grave

intelligence service and knew all the secrets of the Soviet/East European section, offered his services to the KGB in exchange for money in 1985. The KGB, scarcely believing its luck, took him under its wing. Over the following nine years, Ames gave Moscow all the American secrets he knew, handing over top-secret documents and the names of all the CIA and FBI agents in Soviet state institu-tions. They numbered about 20 in the Soviet

Union and 25 others from East European countries. Almost all of them were arrested by the KGB, and the nine agents most valuable to the Americans were executed. I was the tenth on this list, the only British agent who was betrayed by Ames. By a miracle, I avoided the grim fate of the others, escaping house-arrest in Moscow and making it to the West with the

help of MI6. Ames not only delivered an enormous blow to Western security, but strengthened the KGB's position in the Soviet Union, so indirectly delaying the collapse of the Communist system by several years. In return the KGB paid him record sums for Soviet espionage approximately \$3 million.

When the Russians helping the Americans began to disappear in autumn 1985. the CIA and FBI realised

that there was an information leak and began looking for its source. It took 81/2 years of painstaking work before the betrayer was unmasked and arrested in 1994, with a collection of evidence that was incontrovertible. He was sentenced to life imprisonment without right of parole.

The American journalist Pete Earley met Ames in prison and spent 36 hours recording in flattering detail the offerings of the vainglorious prisoner. From there, Earley flew to Moscow, where he met many of the KGB officers who had been working with Ames. They gave the author many curious and piquant details. Earley also met the relatives of the executed Russians and recorded their grievous tales. On his return to Washington, he managed to see many of the American participants in the drama: the officers of the CIA and FBI. The result is a documentary full of fascinating new detail. and many of the characteristics of an enjoyable thriller.

The confessions and outpourings of the spy

any are familiar with the story of Aldrich Arnes, the spy who caused the CIA more damage than anyone else in the organisation's history. Arnes, who occupied a top position in the American is hard to unravel when it doesn't be traited his contract to the question why he betrayed his answer to the question why he betrayed his country, he replied: "I did it for the money ... Why did this betrayal come so easily to me? I just don't know." Explaining his betrayal of all the Soviet agents known to him, which sent them to their deaths, he said: Fear and profit." His fear was that one of the CIA's sources would learn what he had done. The best way to protect himself was by giving the KGB the names of every American "intelli-

gence asset". Their arrests

and executions were simply a matter of self-preservation. Soon after his arrest. Ames confessed to having exposed me to Moscow at a very early stage, but in one of his "confessions" to Pete Earley he adds: The Brits have a problem! They got a mole of their own in M16 who gave up Gordievsky before I did. They have a penetration!" The most important American source in the Soviet Union was the general of Soviet military Fear and profit Ames (1994) intelligence, Dmitri Polyakov (Top Hat). He worked secretly for the CIA for 18 years. In some re-OF A SPY spects he did more than anyone to prevent the Cold War becoming a nuclear holocaust. Thanks to Ames he was arrested in 1986. The elderly man was questioned and tried for three years. At

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relatives, he was asked what fate lay ahead of him, and replied "Bratskaya Mogila" - a common, unmarked grave.

Asked how he managed to betray such men as Polyakov, Ames confessed that his own "wants became paramount" and that his belief in the struggle between the light and darkness evaporated. But straight away he

his final meeting with his

tried to justify himself, saying that these Russians have no one to blame but forgot one major difference while he is in a comfortable cell with a computer and a television, giving audiences, with an air of importance, to visitors from all over the world, they are in unmarked graves.

Pete Earley's book shows just how dangerous tyrannical regimes can be when they attempt to corrupt Western democratic countries. It shows how important it is for the Civil Service to exclude people who are cynical, greedy or spiritually bankrupt and يلتبلو وموو

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## Mannered baby-talk in the continuous present: Ian McIntyre on the unusual correspondence of two best-selling American authors

have always found that a little of Gertrude Stein goes a long way. If anyone says "Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose, is a rose in my hearing I have mild intimations of apoplexy. A professor of creative writing once explained that this fatuous line (published in Tender Buttons in 1914) represented a significant attempt to free poetry from the conventions of logic and grammar and give more

objects. Hm. Gertrude Stein herself, in her Lectures in America, attempted to explain her stylistic experiments in prose. She was influenced by the pioneering psychologist William James, whose pupil she had been, and also by Henri Louis Bergson's concept of time; her theories, in turn, influenced the likes of Sher-

direct expression to the quality of

wood Anderson and Hemingway. It was the business of art to live in "the complete actual present." Her prose resembles an assem-blage of cinematic frames, a succession of largely repetitive phrases advancing the sense of what she sought to convey in painfully slow motion. Punctuation was an impediment; for the rhythmic patterns she was intent

Collaborators in all but name THE LETTERS

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GERTRUDE STEIN

on creating she relied mainly on verbs. Nouns were the lumpenproletariat of language - things once they are named the name does not go on doing anything to them and so why write in nouns". She met Thornton Wilder in Chicago in 1934. She was 60, he 36. She, with her lesbian lover Alice Babette Toklas, had spent the last 30 years in France, her salon frequented by painters as well as

writers - Juan Gris, Matisse,

Picasso. Wilder, with a much more

conventional, strongly Protestant

teaching English at the university, and seven years previously had won wide popularity (and his first Pulitzer Prize) with The Bridge of San Luis Rey. They were both best-

selling authors, but they had little else in common and knew little of each other's work. The letters they exchanged over the en-suing 12 years chart the remarkable friendship that developed between them and offer elimpses of how each influenced - or attempted to influence -

Wilder emerges as what Scots call a bletherskite - Well, 1 have paid you the tenuous compliment of writing you a letter when I have nothing to say." He burbles away

Remarkable friendship: Stein and Wilder (1937)

under the sun: "Here I am, tipmeing into adolescence at forty, so there's hope for me." Or again. "I am often struck with the fact that I

do not suffer enough and am ali

too easily given to a blithe compla-

like a sparrow enjoying himself in a dust-

Almost all Wilder's letters are addressed to Stein and Toklas jointly — "Dear Bonnies over the Water, ""Dear Apprentice Angels," "Dear Gertalicitude, dear Algertrudice." The relationship resembled that between a nephew and two indulgent aunts.

Stein's letters are written in a mannered baby-talk which reminds me of the Ant and Bee books I used to read to my children:

Here we are and shopping and then we leave on the 4 by the Champlain and we are sad most sad because we loved it, we really truly loved it, we loved it all and this summer we will tell each other

cent absorption in the Trivia that interest me, about it each other includes you and you will be there ... " Her Geographical History of America is full of sentences like "In the United States there is more space where nobody is than where anybody is." She is the Grandma

Moses of the written word.

What did they get out of it? Stein

was eager to tap into Wilder's network of theatre connections and — surprisingly, given her idiosyncratic way with words — to persuade him into some form of literary collaboration: "Ever since my earliest days when I read Erckman Chatrian's l'Ami Fritz in what language I do not know I have loved the word collaborate and I always wanted to and now will you oh Thornton will you will you collaborate on Ida the Novel, we must do it together . . . "

Wilder responded by suggesting that her influence on him was such that they already were collaborators in all but name: "This play is an immersion into a New Hampshire town. It's called Our Town

and its third act is based on your ideas, as on great pillars, and whether you know it or not, until further notice, you're in a deepknot collaboration already."

Some months later, in a letter beginning "Dear Engelstoff." he returns to her influence in a passage which succeeds in being simultaneously embarrassing and amusing: "Oh, what fun it is to be cudgelled by Gertrude, to be enlightened, and slapped and warmed, and crushed, and slain, and brought alive by Gertrude. As the ladies of the invaded island in Lile des Pengouins cried: 'When do the atrocities begin?"

Ider described Stein's gift for conversation as V akin to that of Goethe. Johnson or Coleridge. In the absence of any evidence of that in this addition to the "Henry McBride Series in Modernism and Modernity" we must take his word for it. And, in fairness, seek evidence from elsewhere. "Anyone who marries three girls from St Louis hasn't learnt much." she once remarked of Hemingway. She can't have been so tedious as the letters printed here suggest.

# Run dry, the beloved country

Now that apartheid has gone, R. W. Johnson finds that some South African writers are left with little to say

There is something a little fraudulent about all three of these books. Those of us who actually live in South Africa have become wearily over-familiar with a new, if fleeting, literary genre of which the first two books form part: an ex-South African, long and permanently settled in other parts, make one or several trips back to the old country, write up their outpourings of memory and belonging, the agony and ecstacy of it all - and then depart for their real home, not too far from the Camden tube or the Odeon metro. (Breyten Breytenbach did this first and incomparably well, but at least he lives and works here part of every year now). Justin Cartwright's book is the most nt and best written of the three but it already sounds a rather dated and exterior

youngsters sitting on a peeling poster of Mandela) suggests a brave contemporaneity but in fact consists mainly of articles from as far back as 1982. The fact is that Brink, like not a few other writers, looks at a bit of a loss these days. Far too many writers - and they not alone were dangerously overdependent on riding the old anti-apartheid warhorse and feel bereft by its ending. In the hottest hours of the antiapartheid struggle many dissident souls threw their energies into religion or writing novels. plays or poerry because, at the end of the day, you could get away with all manner of things from the pulpit or in literature. Today - thank god for normalisation - the comph has gone out of much of the writing and there are not

a few abandoned pulpits.

The Brink collection both in

its title and its cover (black

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Gilliam Slovo's book has a greater interest, however, for it is the story of her anguishing search for two lost parents. Ruth First and Joe Slovo - one lost to a murderous bomb, the other lost to cancer, but actually - and this is the real epicentre of the author's sadness - both lost much earlier as real parents to the higher claims of the antiapartheid struggle. Lenin and Krupskaya, on getting mar-ried, resolved that since they would both be working fulltime for the revolution, they must not have children but not many other revolutionaries have been so disciplined and the cost for the children is

high.

Much of the book is taken up with Gillian Slovo's account of her mother and father viewed through a child's lense and through the harrowing scenes around Ruth's death, but it then progresses to an attempted exploration for them in contemporary South Africa. The result is extremely sharp. Her father, by then Housing Minister in the Housing Minister

Mandela government, is furious at her prying and will tell her nothing. This is not altogether surprising for by then she is on the track of her father's and mother's ex-lovers, all of which comes tumbling out as a terrible surprise to her - making her feel even worse about her childhood when she realises that she was neglected not only for political reasons but for affairs of the heart. This culminates in a shaking meeting with a hither-to unknown half-brother, Joe's illegitimate child. Like not a few children before her, she quickly comes to accept this new reality as part of a larger

But the hurt that will not die is her mother's murder and thus she tracks down the former BOSS agent, Craig ison. Wno a long interview, frankly acknowledging that he was "part of the loop" in the planned assassination and giving her elaborate chapter and verse as to how it was done - while denying any final responsibility. Her account of the interview is studded with furious accusations against him as her mother's entirely personal murderer. This is way over the top: one feels sympathy for her rage and sorrow but nobody yet knows who exactly gave the order for Ruth's death. Similarly, one is a little at a loss to know how to feel about her earlier revelations for the truth is that there has for many years been plentiful gossip about Joe's affairs in particular and even about the existence of an illegitimate son. One is left with the feeling that she may have only scraped the surface and that a great deal remains to be learnt about South Africa's premier revolutionary



## Silken terms precise

is it? Balbadiou raised the tip of his cane and pointed beyond the roofs of Saint-August. 'That way and keep going.' He said. 'Right to the end of the world."

It is 1861, Hervé Joncour is a silk merchant in the French town of Lavilledieu, and Balbadiou is his mentor. When the world supply of silkworm eggs is decimated, Jancour travels four times to the one place unaffected: the end of the world, Japan. There he buys worm eggs "Attached to hundreds of slivers of mulberry bark" and transports them back across Siberia and the Urals, arriving back "On the first Sunday in April, in time for High Mass. He entered the town on foot, counting his steps, that each might have a name, and that he might never lorget them."

In this slim volume Baricco cuts his prose thin and fine. The chapters come one to a page as Hervé Joncour returns again and again to Japan, obsessed not

#### Tobias Hill

By Alessandro Baricco Harvill, £6.99 ISBN 186046310X

with silk but with the face of a girl. At their best, the sections have a clarity which resembles poetry, and no poetry so much as Japanese haiku, as in chapter 49 (quoted whole): "Nothing but silence on the road. The corpse of a little boy on the ground. A man kneeling. Until the last glimmer of daylight."

There is a sense of language intentionally created to be like silk - not the simple adjective "Silky", but the material itself; raw, dense and clear. There are extraordinary narrative devices - line breaks, journeys from Japan to France compressed into 20 lines, a Spanish architect who speaks in questions, and the fairytale repetition of arrivals and departures as Joncour travels to and from the end of the world. Japan, too, is presented as the otherworld of folk-tales, where time almost seems to pass at a different rate. The result is the mixture of the fabulous and prosaic found in Marquez and in the best childrens' fiction - The Little Prince or Patrick Suskind's The Story of Mister Summer. Baricco has created a story of "Seavoyages, the smell of mulberries at Lavilledieu, steam trains", but most of all of impossible love, "Something capable of lifting a life off its hinges.

# Only one thing false about this Fair Lady

The early fifties was an unlikely time for Audrey Hepburn emerge as a Hollywood sex starlet. The ideal romantic film heroine of the time, for American directors and audiences alike, was based upon the pneumatic pin-ups demobbed GIs brought back from the war. She should best be a leggy, blinking, big-hearted, full-bosomed, homely bottle-blonde. In brief, she should be Marilyn Monroe. While casting directors were

prepared to accept some mi-

nor amendments to this winning formula — Jane Russell, for instance, was allowed her darkened locks, Grace Kelly her froideur, Elizabeth Taylor her legs - there was no getting around the need for sumptuous curves. Audrey Hepburn, however, had none. She was moderately tall, slim to the point of anxiety, her eyebrows were unplucked and her snuggle teeth had avoided the intervention of American orthodontistry. And she was flat-chested. Photoplay logged her at a mere 32 inches. When William Wyler, who directed her in her first American picture. Roman Holiday, suggested to her, "I think you should wear some falsies, if you don't mind me saying." she replied, "I am!"

The appeal to American audiences was largely her

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AUDREY HEPBURN By Barry Paris Weidenfeld, £20 ISBN 0-297817280

other-worldliness. Half Irish. half Dutch, her gamine looks made her appear starkly exotic next to Hollywood's sumptuous home-grown actresses. Trained as a dancer, Hepburn maintained a dancer's emaciated figure and she looked just fine barefooted in a black leotard. While some part of her attraction was her lack of maturity, her girlishness, another was her blatant boyishness, which she emphasised with close-cropped hair and the apparent absence of face make-up. It is little wonder that Hubert de Givenchy and Cecil Beaton found her the perfect clothes-horse.

Unlike her more knowing American rivals, Hepburn maintained an air of studied innocence which was largely genuine. While her early conquests included the Yorkshire industrialist James Hanson, who nearly made it to the altar with her, others, among them the insatiable William Holden, recorded that she was not much interested in sex. While this virginal quality stood her



An air of studied innocence: Audrey Hepburn on the set of Love in the Afternoon (1957)

in good stead for a string of hits, such as Sabrina, Funny Face, My Fair Lady and above all The Nun's Story, it totally inverted the meaning of Breakfast at Tiffany's. Her rendering of Holly Golightly. Capote's tough. trashy tart with a heart, became an anodyne androgyne.

Capote moaned, "It bore about as much resemblance to my work as the Rockettes do to Ulanova.

Accounts of Hepburn's life keep coming. Barry Paris's is, by my reckoning, at least the and Weidenfeld's ninth second hearse-chaser in three years. There are irritating

mistakes - "Lord James Hanson" throughout - and some ill considered statements -The suffering of English Fascists, at its worst, was nothing compared to the Nazi crimes against the Jews" - and Paris is perhaps too trusting of the

showbusiness myth machine.

Hepburn may have been "dis-

covered" in a hotel foyer by the French grand-dame Colette with the words "Voila! There is my Gigi". but I doubt it. Also left largely unexplained is the political context of

Hepburn's upbringing. Her parents were devoted to Oswald Mosley, the British fascist, and were so thick with the Nazis that, while touring Germany with Unity Mitford, among others, they were granted an audience with Hitler. On the outbreak of war Hepburn's mother was in London. Without hesitation she scampered back to Holland with her daughter, where, in the absence of her husband, who was interned in Britain, she dated German officers of the occupying army. Yet, without so much as a gear-change. Paris reports that Audrey Hepburn soon became a courier for the Underground, smuggling notes in her shoes.

While Paris is as thorough in his research as is to be expected from an American journalist and Slavic linguist working out of Pittsburgh, and stories from the glorious Billy Wilder (director of Sabrina) constantly bring a smile, the wealth of detail disguises Paris's inability to get to the heart of what it was about Hepburn that has made her such an enduring icon. But perhaps only pictures can do that.

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**RUGBY UNION** 

# Club connection could work in England's favour

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Rowell expects Ashton to

bring a degree of organisation

to an Ireland team buoyant

after victory in Cardiff and

encouraged by the likely re-

FRIENDS and colleagues they may have been, but Jack Rowell and Phil de Glanville. the England captain, do not perceive Brian Ashton's know-ledge of English rugby to be the most serious threat that awaits England in Dublin on

Saturday. On the contrary, de Glanville said yesterday. He will expect to recognise some of Bath's influence in Ireland's play. Rowell, Ashton and de Glanville overlapped at Bath for three years before Rowell's departure to England.

Brian is a shrewd man and knows more than anyone else about England's players," de Glanville said. "He will have briefed Ireland, individually, better than any other coach has had the opportunity to do. but I don't think there are any moves from Bath that England use.

"I would not be surprised to see Ireland using moves which have come from Bath we have seen one or two already, in their matches with France and Wales."

CLIVE WOODWARD, the

former London Irish coach.

will be part of a restructured

team at Bath in the wake of

the abrupt departure on Tues-day of John Hall (David

Hands writes). There will be

no direct replacement for Hall

as director of rugby because

Bath feel they now have the

appropriate management personnel in place to cover his dismissal, with Tony Swift as

chief executive and Alison

Holdoway as player admin-

Whether Woodward, 41,

will provide the balance the

dub needs remains to be seen.

defined principles on how the game should be played; he

also brings experience not

only from his international

background as a centre with

England and the British Isles

but from having spent several

covery from injury of Jona-than Bell. David Corkery and Nick Popplewell. "Brian is an achieving coach, who has excelled at

club level and now has an opportunity at international level," Rowell said. "The Ashton style will add to their [Ireland's] thrust and organisation, but the game has changed since we worked together, not least because of professionalism." The England squad hopes to

finalise playing contracts with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) within the next for-night and it is de Glanville's hope that, after the championship, the RFU will make a coaching appointment that will take England up to the 1999 World Cup. Such appointments are made on a rolling, annual basis, on the recommendation of the national playing committee, but

**Bath add Woodward** Laurent Cabannes and Thierto coaching panel seasons with Manly, the

Sydney club. He will complement the two forwards, Andy Robinson and Nigel Redman, with whom he will be working, though the demands on Robinson suggest he will not continue to coach the Eng-land Under-21 team, which includes five Bath players for tomorrow's meeting with Ireland. Woodward attended the players' meeting on Monday. when a post mortem on the recent Pilkington Cup defeat

by Leicester was held.

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v Ireland at Grystones, tomorrow): R Hitchmough (Orrell): L Lloyd (Lecester). J Ewens (Bath), M Penry (Bath), T Beim (Sele): P Sentence March 1 Cross. (Bath), M Penny (Bath), T Beim (Sele); P Sempson (Wasps), J O'Reilly (Sale); M Worsley (Orrell), A Long (Bath), C Horsman (Bath), E Pearce (Gloucesten), C Murphy (West Hartispool, capitan), C Gillies (Bath), J Worsley (Wasps), R Winters (Bediord), Replacements: M Wood (West Hartispool), K Sorrel (Sera-care), C Harrison (Bath), D Herdcastle (Mateleid), R Profinerough (Worcesten), T Woodman (Gloucesten), P Gustand (Blaydon). de Glanville, who believes that it should be a full-time position, believes that the incumbent must be given a two-year contract.

"Jack Rowell has the full support of the players, but it's up to him whether he wants to continue." de Glanville said. 'He's very shrewd and his You look around and who else is there? There has to be a balance between security and allowing the men who hire and fire the necessary flexibility if things go wrong"

Wales, who have not worl in Paris since 1975, will selden have a better opportunity to do so than on Saturday against a French team replete with change. The XV confirmed yesterday contains six who did not appear against Ireland last month, five because of injury and one enforced by the one-match suspension of Franck Tournaire, the Narbonne prop. Added to that are the long-term injuries to Philippe Saint-André, Olivier Roumat and Olivier Brouzet and the departure to England of such experienced players as

Yet Brive, in the Heineken Cup final, displayed qualities that will serve France well at half back, where Christophe Lamaison and Philippe Carbonneau are paired.

Ireland and England have each been forced by injury to make changes for the A international at Donnybrook tomorrow. Eddie Halvey and Mick Galwey are out of the Ireland pack, their places at flanker and lock being taken, respectively, by Stuart Duncan and Shane Leahy, while Scott Benton replaces Kyran Bracken as England's scrum half and will be paired with Mark Mapletoft. his club colleague at Gloucester.

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Ashton makes a point to Eric Miller, the Ireland No 8, during a training session in Limerick this week

## Ashton full of mischievous intent

David Hands looks at the mind game ack Rowell and Brian Ashton were a complebehind the scenes in Dublin this weekend mentary team. As little as

five weeks ago, the compli-ments flew, too, as Rowell mused on the possibility of men in green to play the men in white, although time has not been on his side this year. finding a place in the England coaching hierarchy for Ash-ton, his former partner at What time he has had, though, he has made the most Bath. Now they prepare their respective national teams to of. In six working days with beat each other in the third the Ireland team, he joined forces with Mike Brewer, the round of matches of the five nations' championship on former New Zealand backrow forward, and encouraged Rowell has had charge of England since March 1994; a competitive display against

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France, then squeezed a onepoint victory over Wales. Ashton has been coaching It's a question of giving advisor to Ireland since Januplayers responsibility with ac-countability, not one without ary 9. The irony of it struck me immediately the final whistle went at Cardiff where the other," Ashton, 50, said. "I'm not sure Ireland's players Ireland beat Wales 26-25 in were used to that." Ashton said. "I thought 'Here

Ashton, with a group of players few of whom he knew as individuals, had to identify their qualities and marry them to the weaknesses of the pext opponent. His team took on France for an hour before analysed the video, he was annoyed to discover that Ireland had turned over possession 16 times, six of those in the last seven minutes, from which France scored two tries.

He is, you suspect, an

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idealist in his approach to rugby. For Bath this season he projected a vision of total rugby which, when it succeeded, swept away opponents on floods of points, but which allowed players to forget some of the primary chores of defence. The idealism remains, but is tinged with the reality of international sport.
"There's only one result that

counts at the end and that's

winning - not how you win, just winning." Ashton said. Before the Welsh match, I talked to them about personal responsibility, about honesty when they get off the field. they have to be able to say: 'I gave everything I had physically, mentally, technically and tactically for Ireland.' If you can't do that, you're not being honest and if you're not

with him into Ireland; he has as yet — no long-term contract; he can tell the truth. however ugly. He does not pretend that they can suddenly be world beaters, but he

honest, you shouldn't be

decisions and playing their

part in running the game. He knows that certain play ers in the England ranks at Lansdowne Road - particularly those he coached at Bath - will have those talents. "It would be very easy to fall into the trap of thinking that I can predict what Jack Rowell will do, but he's an unpredictable man," Ashton said. "I'm on the same wavelength as him in our approach to players and how the game should develop; we made an excellent team. We had a comfortable relationship, but this is not Bath, it's England, who don't play like Bath do and the Bath players don't play for England as they do for

"England's weapon is the sheer size and strength of their players. If we give them time and space to generate momentum, they will be difficult to stop, but what I can tell my players, individually, is Saturday afternoon, they are better than the guy opposite them. They've done it once. against Robert Howley, Scott Gibbs, Scott Quinnell, who are not bad players. Now they have to do it again."

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Newcastle invest £1m in Tuigamala

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE transfer of Valaiga Tuigamala from Wigan to Newcastle rugby union club should be completed next week. The El million deal is the biggest in either rugby code and the Western Samoa centre is expected to make his debut in the Courage Clubs Championship second divi-sion at home to Wakefield, on March 8.

Tuigamala, 27, is due at Newcastle in the build-up to the club's home Pilkington Cup match against Leicester on Saturday week. However, he is cup-tied, having played for Wasps against Rugby ear-lier in the competition.

The £500,000 transfer fee for the former All Black exceeds the record £440,000 paid to Widnes by Wigan for Mar-tin Offiah, in 1992. His threeyear contract involves an additional £300,000 and Newcastle must also pay back the player's £180,000 Super

League "loyalty" payment. Tuigamala will join Pat Lam, the Western Samoa captain, at Kingston Park and while Wigan, still £3.3 million in debt, were in no position to refuse the offer, the addition of the player to Newcastle's elite stable is intended to further promote interest in rugby union in the area and ensure the side fills one of two

automatic promotion places. The deal is still subject to financial fine-tuning and final sanction by the Wigan board. but Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said there was no longer any point fighting to keep a player whose heart was not in staying. That much was evident in Tuigamala's disappointing display last Saturday in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup defeat at St Helens.

Wigan hope that money from Tuigamala's sale will keep Jason Robinson at Central Park, However, the Australian Rugby League could insist that the Great Britain wing honours the contract he is due to take up in June.

Bobbie Goulding is staying at St Helens after withdraw ing a transfer request. Today, the Great Britain scrum half goes before the Rugby Foothall League disciplinary committee for his dismissal for a high tackle in the cup-tie against Wigan.

**TENNIS** 



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This hand is from the trials for the England team for the Macalian Camrose Trophy, the home international tournament. Several pairs attempted Four Hearts on the North-South cards.

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Contract: Four Hearts by South

When Senior and I were South and North, Senior opened One Diamond in fourth position, and subsequently bid hearts twice to show five hearts and therefore six diamonds: I raised to Four Hearts. West found the best lead of a club and, after taking the ace. East accurately returned the suit. How should declarer play after ruffing the second club?

As he is down to four trumps, declarer must establish the diamonds without losing a trick in the suit. If he loses a diamond, the defence will play another club (the queen if necessary), forcing declarer to ruff. Now, after he cashes the ace and king of hearts, the defence will have two trumps to his one, so he will not be in a position to run the diamonds.

If the diamonds break 3-3, it is a toss-up who to play for the king. Not wishing to open up the spades to give the defence another suit in which to force

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a. Conspiracy to defraud

c. Sleeping with the enemy

a. A medieval riddle book

him, Senior played the ace and ran the queen of diamonds. When that lost to East's kirtg, a fourth club put him out of

controi. to dummy with the ace of spades and finesse the queen of diamonds. Then ruff a diamond. That brings in the diamonds when East has the king and they break 3-3 - so far no better chance than Senior's line - but the extra possibilty is that East may have started with king

doubleton. Here, the diamond king does not appear on the second round, so declarer plays the ace and king of trumps. Then, he plays the ace of diamonds. When that drops the king, he continues diamonds. The defenders score their trumps separately, but they take only

three tricks in all. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

CURMUDGEON

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a. Lack of doubt

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b. A grumpy old man

c. A Thames mudcomber

Answers on page 50

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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Saturday.

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Ashton engenders the wide-

eyed glee of a child let loose in

a toy factory at Christmas at

the prospect of preparing the

Ireland to beat England. "I feel quite mischievous

get on with it."

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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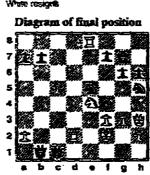
After seven munds of the Linares tournament, Kasparov and Kramnik have powered away from the rest of the field and jointly lead with 5½ points. In the seventh round, Kasparov easily disposed of Michael Adams, the Briton, while Kramnik defeared Judit Polgar, the early leader. Playing Black against Kramnik in a King's Indian Defence, Polgar emerged from the opening with what seemed to be a highly satisfactory position. However, she then overplayed her hand.

Nevertheless, the most brilliant game of the round was Topalov, the Bulgarian grand-master, against Gelfand. After a sharp opening, Topalov launched into a series of amazing tactics designed to expose the white king. At one point, he even allowed an undefended rook to be captured with check, in the interests of pursuing his attack. The final position is extraordinary, in that Black has two queens on the board in the middlegame.

White: Boris Gelfand " Black: Veselin Torontov

Linares, February 1997			
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The most remarkable moment of the game came when Black made the bishop sacrifice on move 17. His intention was that, after 17, ... Bd4; 18, Bxd4 Nxg3, the defences around White's king are blown away.

Ubeda

After three rounds of the tournament in Ubeda, Lautier and Khalifman share the lead with 22 points.

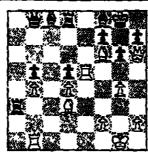
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday. WROUNG MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Karpesov - Vasiukov, St Petersburg, 1994. How did White make the most of his menacing array of forces on the kingside?

Solution on page 50



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THE TIMES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13 1997

**RACING:** HAPPIER TIMES AHEAD FOR YOUNG NORTHERN TRAINER AFTER BLEAK SPELL

# Swinbank eyes bumper payout

BY JAMES WILLOUGHBY

ANN SWINBANK has endured some of the bleakest hours that anyone who lives with horses can suffer. She has emerged as one of the most promising young trainers in the North.

Swinbank, 32, has sent out 20 winners from a 35-strong team this jumps season, her fifth and easily most successful campaign. Next month, her best horse, Colour Code, puts his unbeaten record on the line in the Festival Bumper at Cheltenham. These are exciting times for the Liverpudlian: they might have come earlier had circumstance not intervened.

She had just concluded her first campaign with a handful of promising horses and a fistful of optimism when it struck. First there was cough-

Nap: ROYAL RAVEN (4.50 Sandown Park) Next best: Doctoor (3.10 Sandown Park)

ing and the odd runny nose, then the horses at Thorndale Farm, near Darlington, devel-oped the debilitating symptoms of equine herpes. They had contracted two forms of the virus and their condition was worsened by strangles, a choking inflammation of the throat glands. It is a potent alliance from which few hors-

es emerge unscathed. "All I could do was stand there and watch my horses go down one by one," Swinbank recalled. "Happy, healthy horses I had invested years in reduced to heaving wrecks. One horse had to be shot it became so ill, and none of the others is still here."

Swinbank was told the virus could take years to depart and that it might be best if she quit. But even at the height of her melancholy, she never entertained thoughts of giving up.

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3.10 ROYAL EVENT (nep)

Carl Evans: 4,15 Wild Illusion.



Swinbank keeps an eye on her stable star, Colour Code, who is being aimed at the Festival Bumper at Cheltenham

3.10 FARNILE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTINGS 7-4 Doctoon, 11-4 Forestal, 9-2 Royal Event, 5-1 Can Can Charle, 8-1 Mazzini, 12-1 Court Map

FORM FOCUS

FORESTAL best Bolton 294 in 14-namer handicap burdle at Chefundama (2m 11, good). DOCTOOR about 31 3rd of 14 to Madestric is a handicap handle at Cheptalama (2m 110pd, good). COURT NAP best 140 3rd of 18 to Rynag Fiddler in handicap handle at Cheptalama (2m 110pd, good). COURT NAP best Machin Man 151 in 16-namer nonce handle at Ascot (2m 41, good in handicap handle at Minesalon (2m, good). Selection: FORESTAL

4021-F5 NO PAIN NO GAIN 61 (G.S) (Marvelous Patners) J Saford 9-11-10. F filite 9 13-2807 GARPY/LOUSH 28 (B.D.F.G.S) (J Whitely) D Sandado B-17-8. R Decreeoody E 14-2140 SOLO SENT 23 (D.F.G.S) (A Ring) A Jones 8-10-0. R Williamson 8 14-2140 SOLO SENT 23 (D.F.G.S) (A Ring) A Jones 8-10-0. R Williamson 8

NO PAIN NO GAN best Montrove 21 in S-noner travice classe at Apr. (Zon., soll). April. 96.
GARRYLOUGH best Five To Seven 14 in G-noner landicap classe at Wincanton (Zon St. good to Simple Class & Kompton (Zon 41 110yd, good to Simple Class & Kompton (Z

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BETTENS: 5-4 Mr Boston, 7-4 Wild Master, 5-1 Howarpsson, 8-1 Ameri King, 20-1 Tudor Fable, 33-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

HOWARYASUM bout thus the Cheek 91 to 12-tonner that cheek at Warrick (2m 41 110)pd, good to 19 still 4th of 15 to following in handisap class at 18mm) May 98. WILD ILLUSION 2941 2nd of 4 to Newscastle (4m 11, good to soft) Feb 96. POORS Welsh Legion in busine class at flemant (3m 11 to 19 to behavior in povice classe 170)pd, family no pendimbol start. AMARS (3MB beat A Wholy Citizen 5) in 18-rouner hunter classe Selection: WILD ILLUSION

4.50 SPRING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (E3,035: 2m 6f) (15 numers)

BETTING: 7-2 Special Best, 6-1 Royal Resea, 7-1 Milow, 8-1 Milesdor, Lough Telly, Physical Fee, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SPACEASE GOLD book Tarrs Bridge 11 in 4-numer privice hardle at Chellentzom (2m 21, good to fam) on perquifinate start ROYAE, RAFOR best fargid provide in the 5-numer motion bands at Aspect (2m 41, good), SPCCAL BEAT best Eduction Bies 251 to 1-3-numer novice hardle at Education Bies 251 to 1-3-numer novice hardle at Education Bies 251 to 1-3-numer novice hardle at Education Bies 251 to 1-3-numer bandleap hardle at Massack (2m 48 110yd, good to soti), MARLES best Cohwall 294 in 15-scale 32 good) have 98. Selection: SPACEASE GOLD

3.45 LONDESBOROUGH HANDICAP CHASE

BETTING: 5-4 Ganylough, 2-1 Teo Plush; 7-2 No Paix No Gaio, 12-1 Solo Seol.

4.15 WILFRED JOHNSTONE HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,504: 2m 4l.110yd) (7 runners)

FORM FOCUS

(£4,811: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 numers)

depressed, but I had to carry on for my peace of mind. I had set out on the road to be a racehorse trainer and I knew I could never feel the same about anything again if I

It took most of the next season before the virus cleared. They were frustrating times for a trainer keen to get on, but Swinbank remembers that, if nothing else, the turbuanything about horses but it taught me about life. You have

THUNDERER "

107 113140 6000 7965 19 (RF.F.E.S) (Mrs. D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 \_\_\_\_\_\_ B West (7) 88

Racected number. Sto-figure form (F – felt. P – publied up. U – ansealed richer. B – brought down. S – stapped up. R – refered. U – formatted through Horse's same. Days since last outing: F if Ret. (B – birthers. V – visor. H – brood. E – Feshlaet. C – course without. D – distance without. CD – course and distance Private Handlaspper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES ON HURDLES COURSE)

2.00 VILLAGE HOVICES HURDLE (\$2,905: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

L. UU YELAGE MOVICES HURDLE (\$2,905: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1. JUPUSH 14 (D.S) (W. Sent) J. Old 5-11-12. J. Destores (8)

2. ABSOLITE LIMIT 14 (B. Woomen) J. Stilont 5-11-4. P. Hide: 76

3. GLUCE PATH 10F (B. Shizze) J. Joniston B-11-4. A. Magaine —

4. P. FE 1900MS THE PILLES 33F (J. Herwood) R. Buckles 5-11-4. B. Pomed

5. KEN BOD BSSF (B. Seals Min. I. Richards 5-11-4. M. Richards —

6. 15-4P (OLCARNE BAY 23 (BF.S) (Compass Parlners) O. Storwood 7-11-4. J. A. Indicards —

7. MCOLALIAL 49TF (Max R. Sián) Mass. I. Borner 5-11-4. J. L. Harvey —

9. PELMOS 68 (G. Holdard) G. Hickard 5-11-4. M. Richards —

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10. DECKSION MARTES 99 (Mrs. B. Wildelson) K. Buck 4-10-8. M. W. McFarland —

10. DECKSION MARTES 99 (Mrs. B. Wildelson) K. Buck 4-10-8. U. W. McFarland —

11. 64 (G.) WITH THE WIND 12 (A. Candinad) C. Westlan 4-10-8. U. O'Sallivan 78

BETTINES 4-7 Jonish, 7-1 (Sicarna Bay, 8-1 Go With The Wind, Absolute Linet, 10-1 (Bible Path, 18-1 Kean Bibl., 20-1 others.

1996: MEETING ARAKDONED - FROST

FORM FOCUS

JUNUSH best Danz Probit St in 18-canner cooker burdle of Toxoccaster (2m, good to soft). HE JOHOMS THE ROLLES pulled up to Middlepased in 17-canner context burdle at Warmich (2m, good to soft) and the soft of t

24-228 WEE WINDY 21 (8F.F.G.S) (N Esley) J Galord 8-12-0 P Hele 92
4112-34 TAKE THE BUCKSRUM 55 (F.R.S.) (N Wilson) T Thorson Jones 10-11-2 R Durmondy 95
342-322 HAMMING SAN 15 (6) (R Russell) A Tomati 7-11-2 G Comp. (B Comp. DNPCOFUS 22 (F) (R Letty) Mrs L Richards 8-10-0 M Richards

FORM FOCUS

WHEE WINDTY 31/61 2nd of 14 to Mester Doom or involve chase at Parallocation (2m 41 110yd, good in provide chase at Parallocation (2m 41 110yd, good in provide chase at Torocaster (3m 11, good) on providence chase at Univolve (2m 41, 500).

Selection: HAWAMAN SAM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

50CKEYS

R Duningody C Ward Thomas A Maguire J Osborne L Harray

2.35 FIRST HALF CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

RETTONE: 6-4 Hampilan Sam, 2-1 Wee Windy, 9-4 Tabe The Bockskin, 25-1 Openhus.

(£3,388: 3m 110yd) (4 nunners)

TRAINERS

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 MR BOSTON.

3.45 Garrylough

4.15 Howarya 4.50 Mirador

got to know the long, dark days to appreciate the short. bright ones," she said. She stoically began rebuild-

ing her career, drawing on her experience as a bloodstock agent to find new horses. One of the first she tried to buy was Cezanne, the subsequent trish Champion Stakes winner, but he was sent to Dubai instead. Cezanne's half-brother, Colorful Ambition, came up for sale the next year and Swinbank lence gave her a broader completed his purchase. The outlook. "It didn't teach me powerful bay has been a powerful bay has been a mainstay of the yard, winning on the Flat and over hurdles.

This family connection was furthered with last year's acquisition of Colour Code, out of the same mare, for 26,000 guineas from Michael Stoute's yard. The striking chestnut was too immature to race on

the Flat but his ability was not in question. "A week before he was due to run, we took Colour Code to Kelso for a gallop with Colorful Ambition, who had never been beaten in his work. Colour Code slaughtered him," Swinbank said. Colour Code won a Nat-

ional Hunt flat race at Carlisle

on his debut in November by five lengths, going away. He was even more impressive under a penalty at Haydock last month, running clean away from a good field. Next stop for the five-year-old is Cheltenham.

"Colour Code is a very classy horse and if he gets to Cheltenham in top form he is going to run a big race. It would mean everything to a yard like this to win the Festival Bumper, but after what I have been through, the race I most want to win is the

#### Irish Gold Cup hope on trial at **Thurles**

by Merry Gale on his first venture outside novice company in today's five-runner Kinloch Brae Chase at Thurles (our Irish racing corr-

espondent writes). Unbeaten in five starts over fences this season. Dorans Pride is as low as 4-1 second favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup despite not yet

Today's race over 22 miles, an inadequate stamina test for the 1995 Stayers' Hurdle winner, should be a good examination for Dorans Pride. especially against Merry Gale, fourth to Danoli in the Hennessy at Leopardstown last time.

A spokesman for Dorans Pride's trainer, Michael Hourigan, said yesterday: "The horse is in good shape. It will be a good test and just what we need to see if he should go to Cheltenham. It will be a challenge going into his first open event."

Hourigan and the owner, Tom Doran, have consistently refused to commit Dorans Pride to the Gold Cup, despite it being his sole Festival entry. Today's race is an ideal opportunity for Merry Gale to push a claim for his own Cheltenham prospects. Jim Dreaper's horse could never dominate as he likes in the Hennessy last time and he

miles. The spokesman for Hourigan concluded: "It will be a disappointment if Dorans Pride doesn't perform well today."

2.20 (1m 11 79yd) 1, Don Sebastisn (D. Hotland, 11-10 favi; 2, Pennyuell (4-1); 3, Venture Connect (5-2); 11 fam; 2, 2f Whaggas: Doler 52 10; 51.10, 53.60, 52.40, DF: 26 80 Trior 514.60, CSF: 55.82

2.50 (im 6! 168yd) 1, Petosidn (M Wighern, 4-1); 2, Heighth Of Fame (9-4 k-tor); 3, Philmist (16-1), Sheloy 9-4 k-lav, 10 ran NFt Rachael's Devn. 1 kil, 6l. J Peerce, Tote: D4-40; 51-80, 51-70, 52-80. DF: 213-50 Tno; £35-30 CSF: \$12.36

will also appreciate the step

back in distance from three

DORANS PRIDE is opposed

having been confirmed a certain runner in the race.

2.55 ZETLAND HANDICAP CHASE (£2,772: 3m 1í 110yd) (5)

LINGFIELD PARK

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.55 ST VALENTINES AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,778: 1m 5f) (8 runners) 1 1321 GOLDEN HADEER 6 (6,5) M Rous 6-11-9 (Sex) 5 Limstin (4) 8 2 4-11 HATTANEH 28 (CD,5) Miss 8 Sanders 6-11-7

2 4405 21.4 MAN HOWA 5 (F.BF, F.G) A Baley 6-9-10. S Sanders 5 - 12 5 Sanders 5 Sander

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

## 3.20 CRAMMORE MARIES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE 1.40 Break The Rules. 2.10 Proud Image. 2.45 Mister Drum. 3.20 Brown Wren. 3.55 Jason's Boy. 4.25 Jefferies. 4.55 Princely Affair.

(2.2, AUU: 3III 11 (V)(1) (10)
401 0711 MAID EQUAL 13 (CD.G.S) M Pape 6-12-0 ... G Supple (7) 96
402 34-5 M/SELAZICHERIN 131 (S) P netcols 7-71-6 O Berrous (8) 92
403 YOP4 MISS MARIGORD 16 (G.C.F.6.S) R Hodges 8-11-6
1 Decembe 13) 90
404 3332 FLEIR DE TAL 8 F.G.SI F Marton 12-11-0 ... S Wynne 63)
405 9329 FRST CRACK B F.G.SI F Jandon 12-11-0 ... S Wynne 63)
406 530P COLETTE'S CHORE 12 (S) G Ham 8-10-13 ... A Romaton 54
407 0071 SCDTISSI WEDDING 8 (C.F.G.S) 1 Wall 7-10-13 (Trai)
8 Missery 13) 98

7-2 Mart Equal, 6-7 Mess Secret, 7-1 Secrets Wedding, 8-1 Myblackiners, Ford Erack, 10-7 Pear De Tal, 12-1 others

#### 3.55 CHEDDAR HANDICAP CHASE

501 31PD DURALLOW LODGE 19 (CD.F.S.S) C Rawell 16-11-12 500 65F4 MR PICKPOCKET 21 (5) Miss. H Knight 9-11-7. J F Tidey 503 3255 REALLY A RACCAL 15 (5) 0 Gentleto 10-11-6 M A Program 504 34P0 RENJAMIN LANCASTER 12 (6,5) bi Sertin 13-10-12 

4.25 FEBRUARY HANDICAP HURDLE

-1 Family Phys. 3-1 Nine () Three. 9-2 Jeffenes. 6-1 Spring Santi 7-1 Baythand 1-1 Sprane To Glovy. 12-1 others.

#### 4.55 BLACKDOWN MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div II: £1,707: 2m 1f) (14) FIRE T., (U.F. 2011 1) [14]

D-2 CURAN MIGHTS 215F B Liemethyn 5-11-5 R. Authenson.
D-2 CURAN MIGHTS 215F B Liemethyn 5-11-5 T. Darscumbe (3)
P. GWRY 25 G McCount 7-11-5 Sophile Mischell (5)
LANGTORNAN 134F G Ethands B-11-5 Sophile Mischell (5)
LANGTORNAN 134F G Ethands B-11-5 Mir A Holdsworth
ADOR DUTCH R Prest 6-11-5 Mir A Holdsworth
WIELTON ARSEMAL 103F K Beskep 5-11-5 R. Genetie

GABEPTORGAN 199 Mir J Hawkors 6-11-0 R. W Marston
P. PERN FRONTSTEPS 33F C Poptism 5-11-0 TO TO STORY (7)
FERR LANGT 95F R Publics 5-11-0 Martin Somit (7)
FORM AND TAKE 134F M. Pipe 4-10-9 Joseph Somit (7)
SONES DE FORDA B Mallman 5-11-0 D. Salter (5)
ENV. AND TAKE 134F M. Pipe 4-10-9 Joseph Somit (7)
RAPID LINER 95F R Batte 4-10-9 V Stellery
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San And Lake 7-2 Wellem Arreads 5-1 Trensamis known (7)
Count liner

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3.30 CLEVELAND NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,232: 3m 1f 110yd) (15)

CATTERICIC 255 Tico Gold SANDOWN PARK: 450 Rathheat TAUNTON: 245 Lucky Eddie, 425 Moor Hall Lady, Saussairo Boy

## CATTERICK

THUNDERER 1.50 Karenastino. 2.20 Diddy Rymer, 2.55 Tico Gold. 3.30 Meadow Hymn. 4.05 Weaver George. 4.35

BOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.40 BLACKDOWN MAIDEN HURDLE

PRINCE DEACH ARE G BROOKS 5-11-5.

BOY WALTER'S DESTRIY 85 C Marchell 5-11-6.

220 ORVIN PEASANT 68 L Connet 5-11-6.

D ALPINE JONER 24 P Hobbs 4-10-9.

A RINGS WITHERS 14 P Nations 4-10-9.

MASTER-H B Along 4-10-9.

2.10 PORLOCK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

201 225 GLOWANG PATH 13 [D.8F.F.S] F Hodges 7-11-10 J Harris (7) 92 202 31 PROLID DIMASE 15 (7) 6 McChort 5-11-7 ... 0 Bridgesian 9 203 1221 DIMAM 13 (B.D.)G) M Prop 4-11-6 ... C. Moradi 91 204 1-46 GEBERNL SHPLEY 210 (F) P Hodger 6-11-3 ... M Ciston (7) 97 205 4050 LSTILE HOOLIGAN 12 (B.CD.F) R Hodges 6-18-13 [D.8SCORTE (2) 94

206 2206 LIME STREET BLUES 12 (8) C Broads 5-10-13 G Broading 13, 207 0565 SHARAKEE 256 (6) B Liberallys 10-10-10. Air J L Liberallys 208 (9-50 0550 ALDMICK 207 150 R Frost 5-10-9 ... J Frost 55 05-00 DESCAUE 7 8 H Languard 5-10-9 ... J Frost 55 05-00 DESCAUE 7 8 H Languard 5-10-8 ... J Frost 57 05-00 ALDMICK COLOMBADE 17 (6-6) Mi Ushes 10-10-7 W Marshan 90 211 07-00 MACK THE FAMIL 12 H Descrip 1-10-5 ... Jacqua Diese 24 07-00 MACK THE FAMIL 12 H Descrip 1-10-5 ... Jacqua Diese 24 07-00 MACK THE FAMIL 12 H Descrip 1-10-5 ... Jacqua Diese 24 07-00 MACK THE FAMIL 12 H Descrip 1-10-4 ... L Lawrence 90 214 07-25 KASHAM 56 (8F G) F Forestrip 4-10-4 ... L Lawrence 90 214 07-00 MCRD LYS 13 (D.F.) B Liberallys 6-10-4 ... B feeting 52 15 PUP? COURAGE-MON-BRANE 625 (6) T George 9-10-0 R Johnson 2015 PUP? COURAGE-MON-BRANE 625 (6) T George 9-10-0 R Johnson 2016 OF BOLD REME 786 A Broadw 8-10-0 ... A Procier ... A Procier ... A Procier ... A Reserve 8-1 10-4 L Lymp Street Mines 4-1 Broad Ware 8-11 Library Reserved.

11-4 O'Yean, 4-1 Prousi Image, 8-1 Glowing Park, 10-1 (sine Sineri Glues, 14-1 General Shirtey, Mark The York, Sizer Point, 16-1 others.

2.45 HENLADE NOVICES CHASE (£3,518: 2m 3f) (10)

5-4 Garolo, 5-2 Mester Oruso, 8-7 Lucky Eddie, 18-1 Durmicks Verw, Lucky Tannes. 12-1 Sydney Boon, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: J Old, 5 winners from 17 names, 35.3%, N Babbage, 4 from 12, 23.3%, J Reville, 3 from 9, 33.3%; P Hedger, 5 from 21, 23.6%; P Hedger, 25 from 97, 23.7%, Miss H Kraghi, 6 from 26, 23.1%.

JOCKEYS: D Watch, 3 minners from 8 roles, 37 5%, M Rickerds, 7 from 34, 20 6%, 1 Laurence, 4 from 22, 18 2%, D Bridgender, 16 Bron 89, 18 7%; J B Kenstragh, 6 from 36, 17 1%; M Williamson, B from 47, 17 3%.

(Div I: £1,697: 2m 11) (14 runners)

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) 1.50 WEST OF YORE NOVICES CHASE (£2,824: 2m 3f) (7 runners) 1 P.P.3 ALCAT 30 J Cents 6-11-2 Derick Byrne
D BANNER YSAR 55 T Can 6-11-2 P.Carbary
5 524 COMPR POINT 16 6 G.B.P.J 7 Engands 6-11-2 P.Carbary
4 2P3- DON'T TELL JUDY 285 Mess M Milligen 9-11-2 A S Smith.
5 PIQ24 KAREMSTNO 25 Mes S Weigh 6-11-2 T Read
6 G-PP WILD GAME 12 Mess S Weighness 6-11-2 B Survey
7 30-8 STEALING HOME 238 Mes M Reveloy 7-10-11 P Mess
Comp. Biol. 4 Statement 14 Decit 18 Mess 5-1 4-5 Cover Polot, 4-1 Stealing Home, 5-1 Karemastino, 7-1 Don't Telf Judy, 14-1 Alical, 16-1 Barner Year, 25-1 Wifts Garne.

2.20 SINNINGTON MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,029: 2m) (13)

7.4 Ser Clerks. 3-1 Tancetti. 8-1 Saleon Beach, Silver Miles, 12-1 Point Duty, 14-1 North End Lath, Peney Pappersonal, 20-1 others

1 1PP JOHNNY KELLY 30 (S) J Cer. 10-11-10 F Leastry (S) 2 4334 SPARROW HALL 23 (F.G.S) J Flagerald 10-10-12. P Carborry 3 P231 TEO 60LD 13 (B.D.S.) P Cheestrough 9-10-9 A S Smith PP2P SHOOK POWER 10 (G) D Least 18-10-0 J 5-4 Tico Gold, 6-4 Sparrow Hall, 8-1 Johnsy Kelly, Socok Point, 12-1 Gold Pigeon.

# ## 22 232: 3m 1f 11 (10yd) (15) 1 1306 CLEVER BOY 20 (6] J Curtis 6-f1-4 ... Derek Byrne 2 0231 MEADON HYMN 7 (8) 3 Frügenild 6-11-4 ... P Carberry AL JENN 20F M Ware 6-10-72 ... A Todd (7) 84 JENN 20F M Ware 6-10-72 ... A Todd (7) 95 JELTRO 278P Jahr, J Storry 6-f10-12 ... P Moven 6 3403 CHUL FRUTOR 28 Jahr M Reveley 7-10-12 ... P Moven 7 677M ELEXITY S WISH 34 (8) J Howard Johnson 6-70-72 A Dobblo 8 0 HOUSELOF SPRING 53 J House Johnson 6-70-72 A Dobblo 8 0 HOUSELOF SPRING 53 J House Johnson 6-70-72 A Dobblo 8 0 HOUSELOF SPRING 53 J House J Johnson 6-70-72 A Dobblo 8 0 HOUSELOF SPRING 55 J House J Johnson 6-70-72 A Dobblo 8 0 HOUSELOF SPRING 55 J House J Johnson 6-70-72 A Dobblo 8 1 HOUSELOF SPRING 55 J House J Johnson 6-70-72 A Dobblo 8 1 HOUSELOF SPRING 55 J HOUSE J JOHN 4 W WISH 10 000- MONNEDEL 286 E Weyens 5-70-72 ... Mr J Weyens 11 40F PRING HAMD 6 R AMERICA 7-10-12 ... Mr J Weyens 12 40F PERSHAN GRAMES 7 0 Loud 7-70-12 ... Mr J Weyens 13 FRUP ROYAL HAND 6 R AMERICA 7-10-12 ... Mr R AMERICA 14 PUS WATER FURT 9 J J D'Nett 5-10-7 ... Mr R AMERICA 15 P KARRETERE 28 M SONCULTY 6-70-71 ... Mr D Pasion 15 P KARRETERE 28 M SONCULTY 6-70-71 ... Mr D Pasion 16 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONE 70-71-71 ... Mr D Pasion 17 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D PASION 18 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D PASION 19 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D PASION 19 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D PASION 19 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D PASION 19 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D PASION 19 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D D PASION 19 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D D PASION 19 JANONED ROYAL HAND 6 JANONED J D PASION 19 JANONED JANONED J D JANONED J D PASION 19 JANONED J 4.05 BEDALE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,707: 2m 3f) (4) 6-4 Cash Supporte, 9-4 Alpateer, 11-4 Weaver George, 6-1 Blazing Trad

3 - 35F BLAZING TRAIL 2 (5) Mics L Parsell 9-11-7....... M FOSIE 4 4121 CUSH SUPREME 1 (5) M Tadhenter 8-10-9 (7ex) \_ P Carbony

4.35 GOATHLAND NOVICES RANDICAP HURDLE (£2,211: 2m 3f) (10)

12.2.11; 201 31 (10)

1 - 0.00 KLDRUMMY CASTLE 9.1 Fitzgerald 5-11-10 — P Carbony
2 - 6103 FRYUP SATELUTE 5 (CD.61) Mr. J Brown 6-11-9

Miss P Robson
4 4030 HGHLY CHARMING 23 M Brazdough 5-11-7 — R Supple
5 4570 HDISPUR STREET 10 (8) M W Existency 5-11-6 R Carmy
6 - PPO DOLGAL 12 9 Rohmed 6-11-3 — B Gratian (5)
7 355 - BNCHANTED COTTAGE 303 J. Julierson 5-11-2 E Callaghan (3)
8 60P TEM PAST SX 21 M Wates 5-11-1 — A 5 Soilt
9 6444 BAASM 21 J Notion 4-10-11 — Derek Byrne
10 70-8 AMERICANDUS 168 T Kessy 8-110-0 — K Johnson
10 70-8 AMERICANDUS 168 T Kessy 8-110-0 — K Johnson
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5-2 Fryop Sajelide, 7-2 Enchanted Cottage, 6-1 Wildrammy Cacife, Baasm, 7-1 Hobsour Street, 8-1 Highly Charming, 12-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANSTS: M. Bartaclough, 3 symbols from 12 runness, 25.0%. J Fittgerald, 12 from 55, 21.6%, Mrs. M. Reveloy, 19 from 90, 21.1%; L Lungo, B. from 46, 17.4%; P. Beaumoni, 9 from 66, 13.6%, J. Nomon, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

# #WIN 22, 13,7%, P. Smith, 17 weapers trops 53 rides, 27,0%, P. Noven, 19 bron 76, 25,0%, R. Guest, B. Bron 46, 17,4%, R. Gardy, 14 from 91, 15,4%, A. Dabban, 13 from 99, 13,1%; M. Maloney, 3 from 23, 13,0%,

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TRAINERS: M Bell, B winners from 33 numers, 24.2%, D Nichols, 9 from 42, 21.4%, L Montague Hall, 11 from 54, 20.4%, P Hasham, 17 from 88, 19.1%, D Munuy-Saruth, 13 from 71, 18.3%; M Jahretan, 42 from 243, 17.5%.

JDCKEYS: D Holland, 27 winners from 115 miles, 23.5%, Alex Generes, 10 from 45, 22.2%; S Wallworth, 31 from 163, 19.0%; W Ryan, 18 from 98, 18.4%; Miss Dana, Jones, 4 from 24, 16.7%, Miss J Felden, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

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## Strong British entry in Dubai

EIGHT British-trained horses were yesterday shortlisted for entries in Bijou D'Inde and the Dubai World Cup, run at Nad Al Sheba on March 29. They are joined by the Godolphin-owned pair. Annus Mirabilis and Tamayaz, among the 24 horses selected by an international panel of handicappers for the \$4m contest.

Mark Johnston supplies two Gothenberg, as does Clive Brittain through Luso and Needle Gun. Other British horses accepted are Even Top (trained by Mark Tompkins), Flemensfirth (John Gosden). Singspiel (Michael Stoute) and Sorbie Tower (Gay Kelleway).



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4.50 (1m 4t) 1. Northern Motto (D Griffiths, 5-1); 2. Studio Thirly (12-1); 3. Arabi-detrous (10-1): Sip Jip 5-4 tax. 9 ran NF Arque, 4. 1xt. J Goldon Totar £9 30; £1 40, £1,90; £1 90. OF: £31 50 Tric. £35 60. CSF: £54 68 Tricast: £551.60. Placepot: £45.40. Quadpot: £13.00.

# Relaxed England hot favourites to wrap up series

FOR 32 games, spanning 34 months. England have not once felt willing and able to name an unchanged Test team. The fact that they will surely do so unhesitatingly at Lancaster Park today is a powerful argument for their ability to complete an overseas series win for the first time since they were last in New Zealand, five winters ago.

There really ought to be no doubt about it. In the two Tests played to date, England have been so totally dominant that no New Zealander could be confident of a place in their team. It is a delightfully new experience for most of the players and there is no logical eason to suspect that they will be denied by defeat in this final match

True, this barren ground -built principally for rugby and unworthy of a charming city - has witnessed some stirring New Zealand victories. In 1984, they humiliated England, bowling them out for 82 and 93 to win by an innings. and in the past ten years they have won here against West Indies, India and Pakistan.

Yet the present New Zea heroics. It is much the same group of players that won notably in Lahore only last November, but unless their batting guru, Martin Crowe, has performed miracles in the space of three days, they will remain technically inadequate against accomplished Test

match bowling. This is not a description that could be conferred upon many England attacks of recent vintage, but the bowlers who combined successfully in Wellington, and will regroup here, offered aggression, control and balance - the virtues for which Michael Atherton has been yearning in vain almost throughout his time as

bowlers were in the last unchanged England team, for the Antigua Test of 1994 that

Neither Andy Caddick nor Philip Tufnell will regard their Antigua analyses with much affection, for it was a match

THERE could be worse

places than Lancaster Park.

Christchurch, for England to

attempt to win their first Test

series overseas since 1992.

One infamous disaster aside,

they have an excellent record

there and on their last visit produced one of their best

sessions of cricket to clinch a

Five years ago. England

outplayed New Zealand throughout the game, scoring 580 for nine and enforcing the

follow-on with a lead of 268.

But, at tea on the final day,

New Zealand still had seven wickets in hand and a draw

resounding win.

monopolised by Brian Lara's monumental 375; and both have been out of favour for

much of the interim period. Tufnell has played only nine of the 32 Tests since Antigua, including the four on this tour. while Caddick has been chosen for just two. As he took six wickets in each of them, at Leeds last August and then in Wellington, he is entitled to feel other bowlers have been unjustly promoted ahead of

Caddick's ability is not in question, but those who sit in judgment have seldom been sure of his approach. He is a misfit within a team environment, an awkward, shy and rather solitary figure. He is inclined to speak bluntly and

Umpires: S Dunne and D Hair (Australia). Third umpire: D Quested

humourlessly and he does not spare himself.

"I am a self-critical person," he explained. "I think that is the way to make myself better. I talk myself down because then the only way to go is

His ways have sometimes seemed perverse, but perhaps too much has been made of this. When his bowling rhythm is right, as it was in Wellington, he is a class act, a more dangerous bowler than most of those England have tried during his career. This should be the ultimate measure of him.

This is a homecoming for Caddick. His parents, Chris and Audrey, still live a ten-Park, where he once played for the Riccarton club as a teenager. His brother, Paul, who runs the family decorating business, is also expected to be

in the crowd. Caddick has heard himself branded a "traitor" from the terraces at least once on tour.

Tufnell's top spinning display

England won with ten

minutes to spare thanks to

superb bowling from Philip

Tufnell, who played perhaps

his best game for his country

in taking 11 wickets from 85.1

overs of accurate, flighted spin on an unhelpful pitch.

Five of his wickets came in

that last session, the fifth

being that of Martin Crowe,

who skied the ball into the hands of mid-off seeking the boundary that would have

cleared the arrears and en-

sured the match was drawn.

England's only other survivor

from that match, Alec Stew-

Thirteen years ago, on the

art, scored 148.

further reason for his stoically unemotional attitude. "I will not make this a special game," he said. "My home is in England now."

However, it is not only Caddick who feels familian with these surroundings. The England players all appear comfortable with conditions here and the inability to maximise home advantage has been a contributory factor to New Zealand's position. difficult to imagine a pitch they could prepare that might seriously disadvantage Eng-

The groundsman at Lancaster Park says nobody influenced him and that he expects his pitch to support batting first. England were so unconcerned that none of their management team bothered to look at it yesterday, when the players were freed to take part in a charity golf event. New Zealand, however, indicated that they expect the pitch to have a generous covering of grass by adding Heath Davis, the fastest bowler in the coun-

The subdued state of Dominic Cork and the poor batting form of Nick Knight are England's main concerns. Since his gallantry in Bulawayo, where he made a memorable 96 not out in the run chase, Knight has managed only 58 runs in four Test innings and his habit of thrusting the bat away from his body outside off stump is regularly exposing him when the ball is swinging.

If he fails again here, Knight will find himself under pressure from Mark Butcher - who impressed on the England A tour of Australia - before the summer's Ashes series. This will be an altogether more daunting proposition and the imminence of it is sufficient to keep

Missing out on that series is a hell of a threat," the coach, David Lloyd, said. "It would be very foolish to develop complacency and we are not kidding anyone that one win is a turning point. The only way to stop criticism

other hand. England gave one

of their most inept perfor-mances, dismissed twice for

less than 100 - Richard

Hadlee taking eight wickets and scoring 99 — in a game that occupied less than 12

hours' playing time. Beaten by an innings and 132 runs, it remains their heaviest defeat

in 76 Tests against New

NEW ZEALAND v ENGLAND AT CHRIST-CHURCH: Results: Played 13. England won 6, New Zealand won 1, drawn 6. Records: (England first): Highest totals: 580-9 dec (1981-92; 417-8 dec (1990-5); Lowest totals: 82 (1983-84), 65 (1970-71). Highest volvelusi strangs: 227 W R Hammord: (1932-33), 116 W A Hadder (1948-47) and B Sutclife (1990-51) Best bowing 7-47 P.C.R Tutnet (1991-92); 6-83 J Cowie (1946-47)





The resurgence of Gough, left, has coincided with a worrying loss of form for Cork. England need them both to be at their best

# Cork short of swing and swagger

7 ven amid the euphoria of a 1est riant victory, and its sense of breathless salvation, there is a cloud on England's possibly have forecast. It concerns the form and gener-al welfare of the man they had come to regard as their most potent match-winner, Dominic Cork.

To say that Cork passed unnoticed at Wellington while England bowled out New Zealand twice in the equivalent of five sessions is evidence enough that he was ineffectual. Cork's one wicket in the match was that of a hapless tailender and, unlike Andy Caddick, he did not have injustice on his side. It might even be said he was

Such things have not been said of Cork since his stirring Test debut two years ago and he will not enjoy hearing them now, but the England management must address the reasons for the sudden shortfall in Cork's performance, because it threatens to diminish the most resourceful bowling attack they

On his good days, when adversity is not playing on his nerves, David Lloyd, the coach, conjures some appropriate verbal images. As the Test ended on Monday, he spoke of his five bowlers

second Test. Alan Lee on a strike bowler who has lost his way "poking the opposition in the himself will concede he is a frustrating later stages of that chest. He was referring to an troubled soul, but both men drawn game, a portent of intensity of pressure, present know it is true and it is to be things to come in Wellington.

One man played conspicuously little part in the victory in the

almost throughout the five days at the Basin Reserve. but which eased perceptibly whenever Cork had the ball. A few months ago, this would have been inconceivable. As Michael Atherton, the captain, said in mitigation: "Corky has been carry-ing our attack for a while now." So he has, and one

should not condemn him for an indifferent week or two, especially as Caddick and Darren Gough have responded so creditably to the

challenge. The contrast this week was inescapable, however. Between them, Caddick and Gough bowled 50 overs in the New Zealand second innings and took six for 92. Cork was given just ten overs and conceded 42 runs without taking a wicket. Atherton must have been sorely tempted to overlook him when the second new ball became due; as it was, he allowed him

only two overs. Atherton will not publicly admit he is worried about Cork, any more than Cork hoped they get together for a serious talk before the final Test begins today.

Cork's late arrival on this tour, a delay on compassionate grounds rather than those of fitness, did not seem to matter when he took three wickets in the first session at Hamilton last month. The outswinger was working well

The management must look after his welfare as much as his technique'

> and his action seemed fluent. In the second innings of that match against Northern Districts, though, he left the field with a back injury and things

have not been the same since. The extent of that injury is still a curiosity. A day later, he was struggling to bend sufficiently to pick up a litt bag, yet, only five days after apparently breaking down, he was playing in the Auckland. land Test. He took three wickets, bowling serviceably, but he was used little in the

rhythm. He is not swinging

the ball as he can and his action looks strained. He is also, subconscionsly, beginning to look for excuses. He made a great play of the wet run-up on the first afternoon in Wellington and was eventually taken off. Gough, who replaced him, charged in un-

deterred by the admittedly wet ground and took three wickets inside four overs. Only Cork can know how much he is being affected by the sad disruption in

his private life, but he is certainly far less gregarious than usual. Even on Monday night, he admitted he abandoned the celebrations and was in bed by 9.30pm. Here again, the management have a job; they must look out for his state of mind as much as they look

out for his technique. It is an ironic game that can inflict on Cork his first spell of international toil at the very time when Gough has recaptured his most irrepressible form, for previously

it has happened in reverse. In 1995, Gough's brief but bril-liant glories in Australia were cut short by injury, then a struggle for form and his was passed to the new mete-

Thankfully, these two have no jealousy of each other. On the contrary, they are close friends and England now need them to be mutually supportive, for the promise that this winning team might just offer some continuity of personnel and performance will not be fulfilled until both are bowling at their best.

While the Test this week is a homecoming for Caddick, who was born in Christchurch, it is also an evocative return for Cork and Gough. A few winters back, as young bucks on the county circuit. they spent the off-season together here, playing club

The story goes that Cork's club provided him with the most basic form of transport, a bicycle. Bridling, he moved in with his Yorkshire pal so that he could borrow his sponsored car. It might be partly apocryphal, but it is most appropriate. In this of all weeks, Cork needs to borrow a little of Gough's supply of magic to reinforce England's dominance of an inferior New Zealand side.

## Batsman who kept up family tradition

BY JOHN WOODCOCK

D. C. H. Townsend, who has died at the age of 84, was a member of one of cricket's most extended dynasties. His grandfather. Frank, an adventurous batsman, was prominent in helping the three Graces - W.G., Fred, and E. M. - establish Gloucestershire as a county club; his father. C. L. was a brilliant schoolboy bowler at Clifton, who went on to win two caps as an all-rounder for England: his two uncles, A. F. M. and F. N., played for Gloucestershire, and both his brother.

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P.N., and his own son, J.R.A., played for Oxford University without gaining a David Townsend himself is

the last cricketer to have appeared for England without ever playing for a first-class county. Chosen to go to the West Indies with the MCC team in 1934-35, on the strength of having scored 193 for Oxford in the University match of 1934, he played in three of the four Test matches there, each time opening the England innings with his captain, R. E. S. Wyatt.

With Learie Constantine and E. A. Martindale in their bowling prime at the time. Townsend's six Test imnings brought him only 77 runs; but against Guyana at Georgetown, he and Walter Hammond shared an unbroken partnership of 203 in taking MCC to one of only two wins they achieved on the tour.

Most of Townsend's cricket was played for Durham, the county of his birth, well before their elevation to first-class status. He played for them, more often in some seasons than others, from 1935 until 1948 and captained them, when fitness and his duties as a solicitor allowed, between 1937

ATHLETICS: PAID LEAVE THE CATALYST FOR REVIVAL OF INTEREST

## Griffiths delivers stamp of class

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

AS Shirley Griffiths, a postwoman from Cramlington, Northumberland, set foot last weekend on the path towards the world indoor championships in Paris next month, she could see two letter boxes - one marked firstclass, the other second. Quickly, she realised that secondclass speed would be too slow

After 100 metres of the 1,500 metres at the British trials, Griffiths sensed that the pace would not deliver her to the finish within the qualifying time. "I thought: 'I am just going to have to leg it," she said. With a solo effort, Grilfiths arrived before deadline.

Not only was it refreshing to see another British woman middle-distance runner with the strength of purpose of a Kelly Holmes or Paula Radcliffe, but also the moment captured the rich flavour of the trials. There is a new guard emerging in British athletics, Griffiths being older than the average because, like Holmes, she has returned to athletics after abandoning the sport when she left school. "I stopped running and

went out drinking, having

fun," Griffiths said. "I grew so

fat, list. In 1991, aged 18, Griffiths joined the Post Office, where a Cramlington clubman informed her that, if she could quality for the British women's postal team, she would be granted a week off work to take part in the European championships.

A week off work, getting paid, tempted me." Griffiths said. "When I ran at first, my legs were so fat that I had to rub Vaseline on to stop them chaffing." She has improved each year since, bringing her indoor best down to 4min 14.98sec in Birmingham. 0.02sec inside the world qualifying time. Her seven-mile postal round, for which she rises before Sam, is not ideal preparation for daily training.

but Griffiths is determined to international hurdler, who make the best of it. "I am only part-time, four hours a day, but it is really tiring," Griffiths said. "I am next in line for full-time, but I will not be doing it." Athletics comes first.

The most colourful parade of new guard soldiers came in the men's 400 metres, where Jamie Baulch, 23, set a British record while Mark Hylton. 20, and Guy Bullock, 21, moved into the all-time national top seven. Joining them in Paris, provided that the selectors are forward thinking enough, will be Damien Greaves, the runner-up to Colin Jackson in the 60 metres hurdles.

Greaves, 19, is the nephew of Wilbert Greaves, a former

## Baulch still on track

JAMIE BAULCH reaffirmed his position as favourite to win the world indoor 400 metres championship in Paris next month when, in Ghent last night, he recorded 45.46sec, the second-fastest time by a British athlete. Only Baulch himself, with the British record of 45,39sec, which he set in Birmingham on Sunday, has run quicker. Baulch's victory over

Darnell Hall, of the United

champion, was his second over him in two outings. though there is ample opportunity for Hall to regain the upper hand before he defends his title in Paris. This was the first of the four Ricoh indoor grand prix meetings before Paris and Baulch and Hall

are due to meet again in

Lievin, Stockholm and Bir-

mingham before the month is

his fifth personal best this winter. Though Greaves is unlikely to reach the final in Paris, the selectors should regard the experience that he vould gain as an investment. Rhian Clarke, 19, over the

bar at 3.80 metres already, looks set to establish herself as Great Britain's No I woman pole vaulter, while Hayley Parry, 23, who beat Diane Modahl with a highly impressive 800 metres win in 2min 2.36sec, is on the doorstep of world dass. Doug Turner's 200 metres

victory in 20.61sec drew him from the margins into the world all-time top 20. Aged 30, Turner is a late developer, attributing his improvement to Jock Anderson, his coach of two years: "He could not break 22 seconds when he came to me," Anderson said. Turner has timed his en-

trance perfectly, given that Linford Christie has retired from championships and John Regis is on the wane. Malcolm Arnold, Britain's head coach, described the old Turner as "a bit of a dreamer who never really put his mind to anything." Which, more or less, is what Ron Roddan used to say about Christie before, at 25, he knuckled down.

**MOTOR RACING** 

## Williams to miss start of Senna death trial

FRANK WILLIAMS, Patrick Head and Adrian Newey, the three members of the Williams Formula One team jointly accused of the manslaughter of Ayrton Senna, will probably be absent when the trial opens in Italy next

Williams said last month that he and his colleagues would be present at the small magistrates court in Imola, near Bologna, on February 20 for the start of what promises to be a long drawn-out case. However, he has been advised subsequently that their presence will be superfluous on a day that will be dominated by procedural detail. The three defendants will travel to the trial, which is expected to last throughout the summer and could take ten years to reach a final conclusion, later

in the year. It also emerged yesterday that, because of a procedural quirk of Italian law. Damon Hill, who was Senna's teammate on the day he was killed during the San Marino Grand Prix on May 1 1994, will be asked to give evidence for the prosecution at Imola, even though it is thought his

By OLIVER HOLT contribution will do little to

Bernie Ecclestone, president of the Formula One Constructors Association, will also be questioned by the prosecution and the trial is likely to feature a host of leading drivers, including Michael Schumacher, whose Benetton was following Senna's Williams when it crashed at the

Tamburello corner. In a separate development yesterday, Max Mosley, the president of the International Motor Sport Federation, said his organisation had initiated a move towards the formulation of a Europe-wide law providing exemption to participants and officials involved in dangerous sports, such as motor racing and skiing, to prevent them being tried for

manslaughter after accidents. Rory Byrne, the former Benetton designer, will take over from John Barnard as chief designer at Perrari next week. Byrne, a South African, will be back in harness with Ross Brawn, the Italian team's new technical director and his partner during the emergence of Benetton as a motor racing

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FOOTBALL: FAMILIAR PROBLEM HAUNTS BROWN'S TEAM IN FAILURE TO SECURE VICTORY OVER ESTONIA

# Scotland reveal striking deficiency

WHERE Scotland are concerned, there are always new forms of anger to be developed. The 0.0 draw with Estonia in the World Cup qualifying match played in Monaco on Tuesday night left supporters of Craig Brown's team in a muddled mental state as shock at the result mingled with a horrified recognition that such a failure was all too easy to explain.

Those unacquainted with the side's trailties set off in more esoteric directions as they sought an answer. The match would have taken place in Tallinn in October had in not been for Scotland's complaint over the floodlighting at the Kadriorg Stadium. When Fila, football's world governing body, then brought for-ward the kick-off by four hours, Estonia refused to

Even so, the average citizen of the Baltic state believes that Scotland were guilty of skulduggery. The result on Tues-day might therefore be interpreted as a comeuppance for Brown. "Do you think this was God's revenge?" an Esto-nian journalist asked the Scotland manager after the goalless draw. Brown was not willing to indulge in speculative theology.

Instead, he contented him-

self with the disappointingly sensible observation that his team had played very poorly. ever, do not lie only within this one feeble performance. In Monaco, there was an accentuated version of the problems that always beset them. Goals never do come easily to this side -- they had, for example, scored just once in three games in Euro 96.

Scotland are happier when forming a determined defence than they are when facing one. in a spell before the interval on Tuesday, they might have scored four times, but poor finishing thwarted them and a

By Peter Ball

FOR A 0-0 draw played in appalling conditions, there

was quite a lot of satisfaction

to be taken by both Wales and

Ireland after the match in

Wales had marginally the

worst of it on the night, it was

Bobby Gould, their manager.

who found the greater encour-

That owed something to the performances of Mark

Crossley and Karl Ready, both

making their debuts, who

played important parts in Wales recording a second

the news from Belfast, where a

3-0 victory by Northern Ire-

land exposed the problems of

Belgium, next month's visitors

to Cardiff for a game Wales

must win if they are to retain

any hopes of qualifying for the

World Cup. And it also owed

much to his latest purchase -

But first the game. Crossley,

Wanderers, the Ireland goal-

keeper who was also making

his debut, all had their mo-

ments of luck early on in

successive clean sheet. It owed something also to

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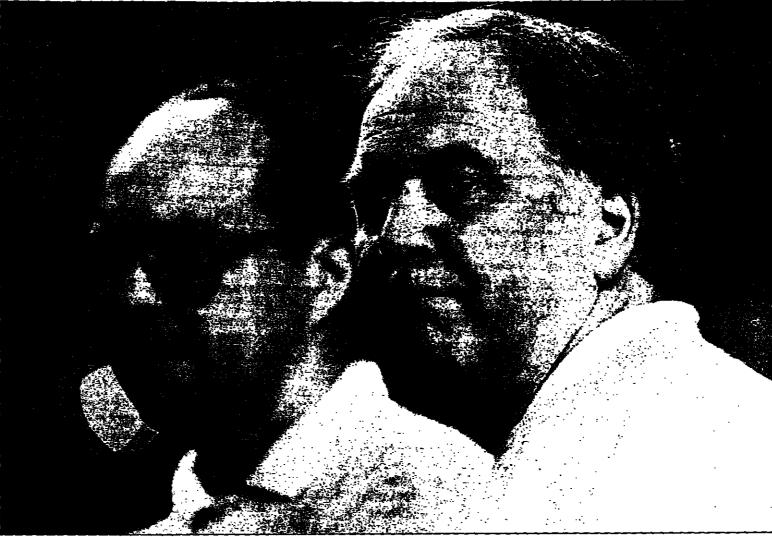
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Brown's glum expression reflects Scotland's shortcomings against Estonia in Monaco. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird / Allsport

dread of their own ineffectiveness ensured that the display became ever more laboured. Brown had counselled pa-tience and it was disturbing that his words had no influ-

The frequency with which his players booted futile high crosses towards Duncan Ferguson was the equivalent of a nervous tic and it produced a result that distigured Scotland's record in group four.

ensuring that it remained

goalless. Branagan was fortu-

nate in the opening minute when he missed Pembridge's

corner, but his collision with

Vinnie Jones persuaded Wil-

liam Young, the Scottish referee, to disallow Speed's

"I went in for the header and

it ended up with his arms

round my neck," Jones said.

anyway, you shouldn't have gone in for it', but if he's

missed it, what does it matter

defence that was fully tested.

Ready was fortunate to avoid

a penalty for handball and

allowed Harte's shot to

squirm out of his hands. "I

told our players he makes

some unbelievable saves, but

he sometimes drops one, so get in around him," Mick McCar-

the Ireland manager,

On this occasion, he recov-

ered just in time as Cascarino

came in and did not make

another mistake, defying fre-

land with some outstanding

saves. "I had a lot to do and,

with that amount of work, I'm

very pleased to have come

away with a clean sheet,"

Thereafter, it was the Wales.

escaped when he

what I do?"

The ref said hed missed it

Ferguson, after seven caps, is still to score for his country, but the other younger forwards in the squad have been nearly as ineffective.

There is little scope for change either in midfield, where Paul McStay, Gary McAllister and John Collins could not provide invention or the sort of individual run that might have confused Estonia's rigid defence. Nobody really imagines that there are better

showed the Weish people that

Ready also had a sound

game, persuading Gould that,

after conceding ten goals to

Holland in two matches, he

has the makings of a solid

defence, with Alan Melville,

Adrian Williams, Robbie Page

and Christian Edwards also

Gould on the night was the scoreline in Belfast. "It says to

our lads that the opportunity

is there to beat them, that we

are still in with a shout in this

But to beat Belgium, Wales

will have to score at least once

Crossley: early error

league," he said yesterday.

Perhaps the best news for

due to come into contention.

I am committed to Wales."

Gould draws encouragement

players around to replace them. In any case, Brown would be foolish to contemplate upheaval.

A strong position in group four has been weakened, but Scotland remain in contention. It is even possible that a draw with stubborn Estonia will not look quite so lamentable after Sweden and Austria have faced the challenge to be encountered in Tallinn. Brown's side is exasperated

do that on Tuesday. Perhaps the return of Giggs will help,

although his absence at Car-

diff provided the main blot on

the evening, with some fans

wanting to return their tickets

when he dropped out. The

Ryan Giggs situation is the

Them continentals, they

love it - for them, the bigger

the pitch, the better. They can

play round you. Even if you've.

got Superman and Steve Aus-

tin, in your side you can't close

them down. So if we can

reduce the size of the pitch, it

might enable us to hustle a bit

Help is at hand. Gould has

bought a state-of-the-art set of

goalposts, which can be

moved more readily than the

old fashioned pair supplied

by the Welsh Rugby Union.

"I'll measure the pitch at

Windsor Park inch by inch

and we'll have that," Gould

more and play our game."

principally because of the encouragement it has given Austria and Sweden.

Even after the humbling night in Monaco, Scotland must be expected to defeat Estonia at Rugby Park on March 29. The ties that follow should go a long way towards determining the outcome of the group. At Celtic Park on April 2, Scotland will once again be embroiled in the tempting to dominate a home match, when they meet Austria, who have already won in Stockholm.

Brown's side does have its expertise, but it is contained within a narrow range and his players never look more effective than when they are beleaguered. Curiously, there will be feelings of relief and a resurgence of hope when Scotland contemplate their trip to

## Quinn presents fresh challenge to Dowie

A FRESH-faced supporters' favourite looks set to challenge lain Dowie for the frontrunning role when Northern Ireland face Portugal in their World Cup qualifying the next month Dowie the West Ham United striker, is still recovering from a broken ankle that has ruled him out of the

one thing I've got to re-address," Gould said. There are other prepara-tions being made for Belgium. games with Italy in Palermo "Hopefully, we can reduce the size of the pitch a bit," and the 3-0 victory over Belgium on Tuesday night. Jones said. That's concerning However, he is expected to the boys. It is the biggest be fit again for the March 29 pitch I ve ever played on in my

meeting with the Portuguese at Windsor Park, Belfast, although the Blackpool forward, James Quinn, 22, has made such an impression since taking over that he is unlikely to be overlooked by Bryan Hamilton, the manager. Quirm, with 13 goals this season for Blackpool, has won over the Irish supporters with his mix of mobility, pace and shooting power. Hamilton said: "He has been a real find — a player who can establish himself at international level."

Hamilton now has an arsenal of strikers at his disposal, for, besides Quinn and Dowie, he can also call on Phil Gray, who is with Fortu-

na Sittard in Holland, Gerard McMahon, of Stoke City. Philip Mulryne, of Manchester United, and George O'Boyle, at St Johnstone. However, he said: "Let's not get carried away by the 3-0 victory over Belgium. A lot of hard work lies ahead." Northern Ireland's hopes of

qualifying for France 1998 are still remote - with Germany favourites to qualify from group nine - although victory over Portugal would keep the pot boiling. Maximum points in the away fixtures against Ukraine and Armenia in April and May would ensure a capacity crowd for the visit of the Germans to Belfast in August - a match which coincides with the opening of the new £5 million Spion Kop stand

Hamilton is expected to include Mulryne and Jeff Whitley, the Manchester City 18-year-old midfield player, in the squad against Portugal: "We must get Whitley into a competitive fixture, which means he could not be approached by any other country, although he has assured me that he intends remaining

with Northern Ireland."

### Eadie puts **England** on course to thwart **Italians**

England Under-21 .... italy Under-21...

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

ENGLAND'S youngsters stretched their lead to four points at the top of group two of the European under-21 championship qualifying se-ries with a hard-earned victory against Italy, their nearest rivals, at Ashton Gate last night. A goal from Darren Eadie, who capitalised on a giaring error by Gianluigi Buffon, the Italy goalkeeper, capped a confident and com-

Peter Taylor, the England coach, was forced to make eight changes from the side that won 1-0 in Georgia in November. Butt, Thatcher, Philip Neville and Duberry were the most notable absentees, with Murray, of Queens Park Rangers, and Hughes, of Arsenal, brought in for their debuts in midfield.

petent all-round display.

Conditions were hardly conducive to flowing football, with a swirling wind and driving rain making quick control and accurate passing imperative. Once the ball had been lifted in the air, into the tempest, it was virtually impossible to judge where it would come down.

England were the more composed early on, linking well in the middle through Hughes and Rose. Even the loss of Bowyer, through injury, after only 16 minutes, failed to unsettle their rhythm. Italy, as is their wont at most levels, simply sat back and absorbed everything, but not without a touch of cynicism. Franceschini and De Ascencis received cautions for appearing to single out Heskey and Eadie for special attention. Two minutes before half-time, Franceschini was sent off for another bad tackle on Heskey. which gave Roy Heiga Olsen. the referee, little option but to flourish the red card.

England went ahead, in bizarre circumstances, six minutes into the second half. after a speculative punt forward by Scimeca. Buffon should have allowed the ball to run out of play, but tried to prevent it from crossing the byline, fumbled it and allowed Eadie to gain possession. Eadie then cleverly squeezed in his shot from an acute

Buffon was incensed, claiming a foul by Eadie, and he raced all the way to the centre circle to confront the referee. Despite his ranting and raving, he escaped without a booking - unlike Tacchinardi and Lucarelli. Tacchinardi saw yellow for an awful challenge on Murray, Lucarelli for

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (3-5-2): A Marshall (Norwich City) — R Scimece (Aston Vite), R Rudius (Charlon Athletic), M Carbon (Derby County) — P Marray (Queens Park Rangers), I. Bowyer (Leads United; sub: J Carragher, Liverpool, 16min), M Rod (Rosens), S Hughes (Assens), M Hall (Coverny City) — E Heatray (Leicester City, sub: J Socuroth, Inswirch Town, 39), D Eadle (Norwich City; sub: D Huckerby, Coverny City, 80).

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(TALY UNDER-Zt (1-2-5-2) G Butfor (Parma) — C Rivalha (Cesena) — 1 Franceschini (Marssalles), D Imnocerti (Lucchese) — J Bechtini (Lecce, sub: C Bellucci, Venezia, 70), R Goretti (Pengle; sub: T Lacettell, Utimese. 86), A Platone (Internationale) — Morfeo (Adiamia; sub: E Peegresi, Sampoloria, 45), C Lucerelli (Padova). Referes: R H Otsen (Norway)

IN BRIEF

## Yorkshire's move to be opposed by Headingley

THE owners of Headingley revealed yesterday that they have stepped up the campaign to keep Yorkshire cricket club at the ground, announcing that they expect to receive planning permission soon for a £30 million redevelopment

of the stadium. Paul Caddick, the chairman of Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletics, said: "Planning per mission is expected shortly for the scheme, which had the blessing of both parties ir May 1995. In addition, recent changes have been announced on special grant aid for stadia and Headingley could qualify Yorkshire members, there fore, would be advised not to until the full implications are

The county committee is seeking support at the annua meeting on March 8 for its intended move to a greenfield site at Durkar, near Wake field, on the MI.

#### Probyn enlisted

Rugby union: Jeff Probyn, the former England prop for ward, will pack down with an old foe when he links up with Federico Mendez, of Bath, fo the Barbarians in their rear ranged game with Leicester or February 25. In 1990, the two were involved in a fracas during an England v Argenti na international that resulted in Méndez being sent off.

## Hodgson crashes

Motorcycling: Neil Hodgson of Great Britain, was forced to undergo precautionary X-ray after a high-speed crash a Laguna Seca raceway in Cali fornia. The Ducati rider post ed the second fastest time of the day, Imin 26.90sec, it Superbike testing at the circuit before being involved in a accident. Hodgson, who wa taken to Monterey Hospita was not seriously injured.

#### Wilkinson cut

Tennis: Chris Wilkinson, 2 the British No 3, was beaten 3 6, 6-3, 6-3, by Geoff Grant, o the United States, in th second round of a Challenge tournament in Lübeck Germany, yesterday.

☐ The United States yester

day said it will play its Davi Cup quarter-final against Hol land from April 4 to 6 ii Newport Beach, California.

#### Gooding ousted

Real tennis: There was a significant upset in the United States Open in Philadelphia yesterday when Lachlar Deuchar, the No 4 seed, bea Mike Gooding, the No I, it

South Korea.

Gallup halted Badminton: Felicity Gallup of England, was beaten 4-11 11-4, 11-4 in the first round o the Indian Open in New Delh yesterday by Choi Ma-ree, o

#### of Nottingham Forest, Ready, of Queens Park Rangers, and Keith Branagan, of Bolton

a new set of goalposts.

#### SNOOKER

#### Higgins looks for confidence

JOHN HIGGINS will attempt to join Steve Davis and Stephen Hendry as the only players to win a world ranking event for three consecutive years when the International Open opens in Abendeen tonight (Phil Yates writes). Hig-gins is No 2 in the world rankings, but, after failing to capture a title for 12 months. he will not arrive at the first ranking event held in Scotland brimming with confidence. Having made the bold deci-

sion to use a new cue last month, when patching up the original became impossible, Higgins looked to have numed the corner by beating Hendry 6-2 in a Dr Martens European League fixture.

Higgins was also impressive in reaching the quarterfinals of the Regal Welsh Open, but he lost 5-1 to John Parrott and, last week, went down 6-4 to Mark Williams in the last 16 of the Benson and Hedges Masters after one of

his worst displays. Higgins is one of II Scots in Aberdeen. Heading the host country's challenge for the first prize will be Hendry, in search of his fourth title this TENNIS: WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONS PRESENT AND PAST GO THROUGH IN DUBAI

said.

Crossley said. "I think I and they hardly threatened to

#### Krajicek starts on road to recovery FROM ALIX RAMSAY looked relieved to have got a win under their belts. For IN DUBAI

DUBAl is one of the youngest cities in the world, forming part of one of the youngest countries in the world, and yet the traditions here go back more than 2,000 years. Yesterday, at the Duhai Open, the three men of the moment were all men with a history, too, players trying to recapture some of their impressive past. Richard Krajicek, Boris Becker and Pat Cash all made it through the first round with varying degrees of ease and all

Krajicek, it was his first match back since having knee surgery in December to cure a problem that had plagued him for more than three years. Not exactly at his best, he was still too powerful for Leander Paes and went through 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. It was not a stylish perfor-

mance by anyone's standards. especially not a Wimbledon champion, but at least it proved that the knee is getting stronger day by day. Life was made a good deal simpler by Paes, who, having taken the first set with some inspired shot-making, relaxed a little, letting Krajicek back into the second. Midway through the third set, the result was assured when Paes pulled a stomach muscle stretching for

Becker was in much better form against Marc-Kevin Göllner, even though he, too, needed three sets to win 6-2, 6-7, 6-2. Serving a total of 26 aces, even he was taken aback by the ease with which he took the first set. "I haven't played too many matches recently and it caught me by surprise

how well I was playing," he Since he won Wimbledon in

1987, Cash has made more combacks than Frank Sinatra. Injuries to virtually every part of his body, but most recently his back, have seen his world ranking plummet to No 755. It has been so long since he was competing with the top flight that he could not remember when he last won an ATP Tour

match - until yesterday, when he defeated Carlos Costa 7-6, 7-6 to earn \$10,080 (about £6,000), which should pay a

SQUASH: BROXBOURNE'S TASK IS EASED AS SWANSEA ARE WEAKENED

# Marshall back with semi-final in sights

By Colin McQuillan

PETER MARSHALL'S return to competitive action leading the Broxbourne squad seems likely to carry the Hertfordshire side into the semi-finals of the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) national league. Having been missing from the game for nearly two years while he dealt with chronic farigue syndrome, Marshall seems certain to lead Broxbourne, third in group B, to victory tonight against a Swansea side whose two leading players, Craig Van der Wath

and David Evans, are barred from national league action after making three appearances in the Super Squash League for Maesteg.

Nevertheless. Marshall does have cloud on the horizon. His decision to switch allegiance from Leicestershire to Nominghamshire for the National Squash Federation inter-county finals next weekend will be in jeopardy unless he catches up with his subscriptions to

the SRA over the next day or so. With Halifax beating Duffield 4-1 and Bishops Stortford thrashing Hallam-

shire 5-0 in group A, the informed money favours two-legged semi-finals on March 25 and April 8 featuring Halifax against Broxbourne and Potters Bar against Chichester.

Ironically, Van der Wath and Evans were not required this week for Maesteg, who were rested in the Super Squash League, while Manchester took over leadership at the half-way stage with a 2-1 win over Surbiton. Linfield, with Rodney Evies and Peter Nicol, the world No 2 and No 3 respectively, moved into third place with a 2-1 win over ICL LionHerts.

SAILING

# Golding leaves rivals in wake

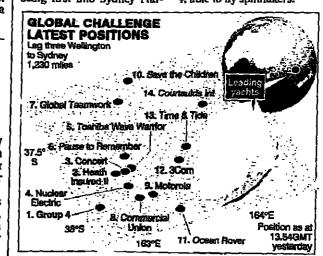
#### By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

FOUR days into the short, third leg of the BT Global bour at the weekend and so strengthen his overall hold on Challenge, Mike Golding, the the race. Yesterday, he was the most southerly of the 14-boat veteran skipper of Group 4, yesterday resumed his customary position as race leader when he overtook Adrian Donovan, on the revitalised

Heath Insured II. Golding, who has won both of the first two legs, is determined to add a third consecutive victory to his tally by being first into Sydney Har-

fleet spread out over only 46 Group 4 and all the yachts astern of her have been enjoy-

ing wonderful sailing conditions with a steady breeze pushing them along at between eight and nine knots with several, including Group 4, able to fly spinnakers.



Milles TO SYDMEY (at 13:54 GMT yesterday): 1. Group 4:671 miles; 2. Heath insured ti 526, 3. Concert 628; 4. Nuclear Electric 629; 5. Toshiba Wave Warror 629; 6. Pause To Remember 630; 7. Global Teamwork 633; 8. Commercial Union 633; 9. Motorola 633; 10. Save The Children 629; 11. Occart Rover 647; 12. 3Com 650, 13. Time & Tide 654; 14. Courtaulos

In the last 24 hours, Chris Tibbs and his crew on Concert, which was de-masted on the second leg, have been among the improvers, rising to third place after overtaking Richard Tudor, on Nuclear

However, Tudor's position may be little more than academic, because he could be disqualified from the leg following a protest by Richard Merriweather, skipper of Commercial Union. He alleges Tudor missed a comput sory waypoint in the Cook Strait by 100 yards shortly after the start.

Donovan's performance on Heath Insured II, is a surprise. Disillusioned and angry at times during the last leg. was thought possible he might even abandon the race in Wellington after falling out with Chay Blyth, the race director, while also experience ing some difficulites with his sponsor. Yet the five-week rest n New Zealand appears to have done him good. Yesterday, his crew reported

disappointment at being overhauled by Golding, but said morale was high and they could now see Toshiba Wave Warrior and Nuclear Electric astern of them.

Trouble on

the terraces

Start of an amusing comedy-drama by Mark Tavener which has fun at the expense of foothall, the BBC and politics. It features Michael williams as George Cragge, former BBC crime reporter who has been made "special adviser on editorial policy" (ie put in charge of complaints) after an unfortunate incident in a lift involving the Archbishop of Camerbury. But Cragge returns to the crime beat when a political lobbyist is found dead at Wembley Stadium, where England are preparing to host the World Cup. BBC watchers will recognise the director of personnel ["maximise leading edge product"] and the fact that the real BBC, incredibly, does not have a crime correspondent.

Samuel Goldwyn once said that nostalgia ain't what it used to be and this programme is the proof. It is in fact the second of a three-part series by the American disc jockey Randall Lee Rose on the doo-wop era in pop, which ran from the middle 1950s to the early 1960s. There is plenty to bring a tear to the eye (and a tap to the foot) of the generation that grew up after the Second World War, notably the age of teenage innocence evoked by such acts as Dion and the Belmonts and Frankle Lymon and the Teenagers. But for every track worth recalling there were at least ten that sounded plain silly and Rose pays due attention to them.

In The Balance. Radio 4 (FM only), 10.00um.

Teenagers in Love. Radio 2, 10.00pm.

# Rugby players take steps to improve fitness

ith ballroom dancing lobby-ing hard to get into the Olympic Games by 2004, it seems that dance is stepping ever closer to the world of sport.

its latest partner, unlikely as it sounds, is rugby union. Rugby players at Cambridge University have apparently found that something was lacking in their training -and have taken up ballet.

called in a ballerina to help them with their conditioning and are using ballet routines that they hope will improve their flexibility and balance - and

help to keep them Showing the pack how it should be done is Sara Matthews, a 31-year-old who was with the Ballet Rambert for il years. She is also working with the college rowing eights. It is an interesting approach, especially since many have been critical of rugby's traditional standard of fitness.

The use of dance for sports conditioning is an example of what fitness gurus call cross-training. Until recently, the typical athlete pursued only his own sport. Today, the wisdom is that an athlete can derive

SKIING

Tomba slip

paves way

for Swiss

By Our Sports Staff

ties, such as weight training, and from training in other sports.

In the United States, professional sportsmen, including baseball players. American footballers and basketball teams, regularly use karate, aerobic dancing, yoga and ballet to supplement their training regimes. However, whether or not British

ballet dancers are the best people to The squad at Queens' College have be advising anybody on physical fitness is highly questionable. According to

They hope

to improve

flexibility'

a report published last October, many of Britain's 25,000 professional dancers are so unlit that they more injuries than players in contact sports such as rugby and

boxing.
The myth of the superfit dancer exercising at the barre was exploded by the "Fit to Dance?" report that was written after a five-year survey into dancers' health and injuries. It found that they took the wrong kind of exercise, ate the wrong kind of food and smoked too much.

More than eight out of ten dancers are injured each year and they are also more prone than the average person to colds and flu. And it is not **BRYANT'S** 

just ballet dancers who suffer. The study reached similar conclusions after looking at all kinds of professional dancers.

Dancers, the report concluded, sacrificed all-round fitness for the demands of flexibility. Such role models look a bit shaky, even for

college rugby players.

The champions of ballroom dancing, who have won recognition from the International Olympic Commitiee, protest that "dance sport" makes tremendous demands on strength and stamina and should be included as a full gold medal sport.

Though the moves to get dancing recognised as a sport are relatively recent, dance has long been acknowledged as an aid to physical fitness.

lenburg, writing almost a century ago, recorded remarkable athletic performances by the Watussi tribesmen of central Africa.

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He was particularly impressed by their high jumping and photo-graphed one tribesman making a leap of 8ft 213 ins. taking off from a small termite heap a foot in height. He noted that these natives got splendid conditioning during tribal dances, performing vertical jumps to the

rhythm of drums. Back in Britain in the same era, Harry Andrews, who coached record-breaking runners and cy-

clists, was writing that dancing was a fine aid to athletic performance — though he had reservations about the smoky atmosphere of dance halls.

Thirty years later, the ultra-distance running champion, Arthur Newton, reckoned the use of music and rhythm was one of the secrets of breaking endurance records. He observed that soldiers could march further and faster when helped by the beat of a marching band and advocated humming and whistling while training. He hoped that someone

might one day invent a phonograph small enough to be carried by a runner - dreaming of the personal stereo 40 years before its time.

What all these pioneers had in common is that they saw the value of music and dancing as a conditioning tool for sport - but never as sport itself. Dancing, like massage, skip-ping, stretching and callisthenics, might be a useful way to keep fit, but could never be confused with the real business of competitive effort.

'Pioneers sons will affect the competitive efforts of did not see the Queens' College Cambridge rugby dance as sport'

players remains to be their sporting lives. A couple of seasons ago, a budding soccer player, Nick Garbutt, who, at the age of it, was top scorer for a Sutton Coldified beauty seasons to be built lessons to boys team, took ballet lessons to improve his skills. As a result, he won a place at the Royal Ballet School in London and swapped his football boots for pointe shoes.

He might, of course, end up coaching rugby players.

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Whether ballet les-

ERIC GALLARD

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Philippe Henewaghe conducts the Chorus and Orchestra of the Ghent Collegium Vocale. Buch

(Cantala No 105; Motet: Der Geist Hitt Unser Schwachheit Auf; Mass in G minor) 4.20 in a Danish Castle, Hans Fegius plays the organ at the Royal Castle in Frederiksborg

Palace, Copenhagen 5.00 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune, with Geraint Lewis.
Includes Haydn (Spring);
Schubert (The Shepherd on
the Rock); Hoddinott (The
Heaventree of Stars);
Routines (Absortion boy).

Bruckner (Abendzauber); Sibelius (Violin Concerto)
7.30 Brahms Centenary, Live from the Barbican, London. The Landon Symphony Orchestra, under Colin Davis Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor); 8.20 Interval. Frank Whittord explores Viennese culture (r) 8.40

(Symphony No 4 in E minor)
9.46 The Outline around the Shadow. Deanna Petharbridge looks at the many examples of artists

heving recorded their travels Jordans and Leo van Doeselear play pianos from the collection of Edwin Beunk, Includes Schubert (Overture in D in the Italian Style) and

Midsummer Night's Dream Night Waves. David Treed explores the links between politics and music

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Foster and Brian Glover
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift,

with Daire Brehan and Ray Kershaw
4.00 Name 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
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and Peter Bowles in a new

production of Moliere's The School for Wives 4.45 Short Story: Tometoe Flaminoges and Lemmit by Alex Keegan, Read by Donna Edwards

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O'Brien (4/10)
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11.30 Close Ups, Nigel Andrews talks to the actor Rod Stelger (2/6) (r)

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Tomba passes a gate before withdrawing in an ill-fated defence of his giant slalom title at Sestriere yesterday

giant slaiom title to Michael von Grünigen, of Switzerland, at the alpine skiing world championships in Sestriere. Tomba, whose season has been plagued by injury and illness, decided not to pursue

his defence after almost falling on the early stages of his opening run, leaving the way secure his first world title with an elegant and commanding performance from start to In contrast to the showman, Tomba, the Swiss is a quiet, family man and his composure on the slopes secured a

ALBERTO TOMBA, the dar-

ling of the home crowds, had

been competing for barely a minute yesterday when he

pulled up to relinquish his

country at the championships. Von Grünigan, the World Cup giant statom champion, recorded a winning time of 2min 48.23sec, 1.12sec ahead of Lasse Kjus. of Norway, who took his third silver medal. Andreas Schifferer, of Aus-

second gold medal for his

tria, was the surprising bronze medal-winner, starting seventeenth on the first leg before championships last year.

moving up from ninth place at

the start of the second to beat Steve Locher, of Switzerland,

Schifferer had not been expected to qualify for the Austria team and his place on the podium came only a year after he suffered severe bruising of the brain in a downhill training crash in Kitzbühel. Kjus had also suffered concussion in a fall during the same

Tomba's followers had been gathering near the piste since dawn and were out in force, cheer on their hero. However, they fell silent when the the triple Olympic gold medalwinner came close to falling. Realising that it was useless to try to get back into the race. Tomba, 30, skied straight off

the course. While Tomba was left with time on his hands, Von Grünigen used the interval between the two legs to play with his three-year-old son. The Swiss, whose supporters have so far come up with no more imaginative a nickname than MVG, said that he had learnt a lot from defeat by Tomba at the Sierra Nevada

Tomba had not been a

worry for him, he said, given the Italian's poor form in giant statoms this season and he had been more concerned about Kjus and the Norwegian combined gold medal-winner. Kjetil-Andre Aamodt,

who was fourth after the first "Last year, I was the favourite for the event, but I could not deal with the pressure." Von Grünigen said. He is the first Swiss since Pirmin Zurbriggen, in Crans Montana in 1987, to capture a giant slalom

"I learnt a lot from last year and found I could put the pressure on the others," he said. "This was my biggest goal this season and I feel I

deserved this medal." Von Grünigen, who has won two World Cup giant slalom races this season, was the first out of the start-house on the first run and took advantage of the clean snow to record by far the fastest time. Later starters found it hard to keep to the line.

Six of the first 15 crashed out, including some of the

SNOOKER: International Open (a) Abertrees

said, referring to the closing event, the men's slalom, which

he will also be defending. won three golds at the 1956 Olympic Games, defended the lay-out of the first run and said

Toni Sailer, of Austria, who

Tomba complained that the

run had been too long and that

the conditions, with patches of

light and shade, were treach-

erous. Others also criticised

"I'm very sorry, but Satur-

day will be my day." Tomba

conditions for the first leg.

Urs Kaelin, of Switzerland. al and highly demanding

giant statom that had gone out

of fashion in recent years. Kjus, who also won silver

medals in the downhill and

super giant slalom events, had

no complaints about his race.

The championships are over

for me now and I'm going

home to enjoy my medals," the

1996 World Cup overall cham-

pion said after securing his

first medal in the technical

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Answers from page 46 QUAESTUARY (c) Somebody who ose first and only motivation is to make a

profit. From the Latin for profit, quaestus. For example, a quaestuary is a teenage child who will wash up or vacuum the sitting room or baby-sit or make its bed only if paid to do so. CONTRECTATION (b) The act of stroking or excessing somebody furtively and against her (or his) will. From the Ladio. "Are we agreed then? against her (or his) will. From the Latin. "Are we agreed then? We shall begin by asking all candidates about their educational qualifications and their skills in relation to the selection criteria.

for human resources — communication, administration, finance, contrectation and so on ...." CURMUDGEON (b) A cantankerous old codger. Both curmudgeon and codger apply exclusively to men. There appears to be no female equivalent. Perhaps old cow or grimulkin (an old she-cat or spiteful old woman) comes closest to it. But the words are not synonymous. Can it be that women are by nature less

curmodecouly than men? NULLIBIETY (b) The state of being nowhere. The opposite of ubiquity. From the Latin. This is a word for which it is difficult to conceive any practical use in the world. But no conceivable word can be entirely useless. "When there is a job to be done about the house, I know I can rely absolutely on Anatole's nullibiety."

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THE SECTION SHOWS

# Glad to get off the emotional rollercoaster THE TIMES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13 1997 sympathy for the parents' plight. I realised she'd made a major slip-

as Muck (BBCI) fell to pieces I in the second series. Great actors, great characters, but the many plots were annoyingly halfbaked and far-fetched - a real come-down from the masterpiece William Ivory achieved last time. As an emotional journey the past six weeks have relied repeatedly on the same rollercoaster device of sin and forgiveness, transgression and redemption, varied by being

bad and saying sorry, and turning on your mates and crawling back. All this relentless upsy-downsy made your head spin. It made you feel sick. Your hat blew off. Poor Jonno (Stephen Lord) was up and down like a gooseberry in a lift. Meanwhile, that goddam battered human spirit just kept on reblossoming among the lads, with defiant histrionics bang on cue. "Who they hell do you think you are, anyway?" snarled Paul Shane in last night's absurdly

T t was a real shame Common contrived climax, and I admit I whimpered in alarm. "Don't ask that!" I said. "Don't ask proudman Nev who he thinks he is! We'll

be here all night!" With telly drama awash with cops and nonsense, however. Common as Muck still shone out as a golden exception. It took its cue, I reckon, from the last act of Death of a Salesman, when somebody says grandly "Attention must be paid" and everyone realises that even Willy Loman is a tragic figure, despite never getting his picture in the newspaper. On a less elevated plane, Common as Muck has certainly done no harm to anybody's career, either, hence the unholy stampede by good actors to play unrewarding bitparts, thus inducing rubber-necking to go with the vertigo and travel-sickness.

Michael Angelis turned up out of nowhere; Frank Finlay took a part that had no beginning and

(worse) no end. Last night we even had Alexei Sayle playing a prison guard for a maximum of 30 seconds. Was he a purely comic prison guard? Why did he help George Ward escape? No idea. On and then off again, that was his lot. But outstanding in this second series were Jonno and Marie (Stephen Lord and Michelle Holmes), and also Kathy Burke as hairdresser Sharon, who had the advantage of a fairly stable character to work with. She was so convincing, in fact, that I never once questioned whether she could really cut hair.

n BBC2, Counterblast kicked off with London GP Mike Fitzpatrick in the role of Jeremiah, warning modern society against its tendency to overindulge its children. Previous generations, it seems, were less protective of offspring, didn't supervise their every move. By not





letting children dominate their lives, they had more time to express themselves as adults. They didn't fret about their parenting skills, or attend support groups. And most significantly, they didn't revere childhood, as if their kids had clouds of glory visibly still attached to their trainers.

All this sounded like good sense. It is indeed regrettable that children don't play games in the street

they are nowadays under a kind of house arrest - picked up from school, supervised at home, chaperoned to classes, watched all the time. Dr Mike enlisted Bryan Appleyard and Christina Hardyment to back him up, and interviewed lots of harassed-looking parents, whose children squirmed on their knees. Parents' lives are rubbish. They feel inadequate.

They really need to get out more. What I couldn't understand about this Counterblast was its claim to contentiousness. Parents wouldn't disagree with it, they surely know in their hearts that something has gone horribly wrong. A friend of mine once told me she would do anything for her toddler's happiness because: "After all, she didn't ask to be born" - a positively insane way of looking at it, which predictably ended in tears. Dr Mike was all

many of us really want to be grown-ups? How many of us actually know how?

S till at playground level, Trouble at the Top (BBCZ) concerned the ousting of Janet Street-Porter at Canary Wharf - the tribulations of her precious, hard-working Live TV channel and the subsequent arrival of Kelvin MacKenzie and topless darts. The story was perhaps 100 well-known to be gripping, but this was still an enjoyable documentary, with lots of shots of Kelvin's hilarious "News Bunny" - a man in a rabbit costume, mirning exaggerated reactions to

I never saw Live TV in its early the news. incarnation, but when Street-Porter described it taking you to the parties where you weren't invited",

viewers can only manage virtual lives, Janet. We have our pride (ask Nev). As for broadcasting a live swanky dinner party in the studio, it presupposes an audience so sad and lonely that nobody would admit to being 2 member of it. MacKenzie said the channel insulted viewers' intelligence, but it was their meagre social lives it really seemed to be getting at.

Whereas, topless darts — well, it's got a kind of integrity. Mac-Kenzie explained that cable channels only aspire to a few minutes of our attention. Half an hour, and they're in heaven. Street-Porter had aimed her channel at the under-25s, whereas Kelvin knew the truth about the infantilisation of British culture (having been partly responsible for it, of course).
"We are surfing food," he said. And I suppose it showed a certain

6.00am Business Breakfast (80435) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (T) (89685) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (8793955) 9.20 Style Challenge (1423394)

9.45 Kilroy (6861058) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (31955) 11.00 News (T) and weather (6430961) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (3331110) 11,35 Change That (5259139) 12.00 News (T) (6449787) 12.05 pm The Alphabet Game (5952955) 12.30 Going for a Song (7309690) 12.55 The Weather Show (34350936) 1.00 News (T) and weather (82752) 1.30 Regional News (98357619) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (20848110)

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2.50 Put it to the Test (2012665) 3.15 Miniature Worlds (2462058) 3.30 Playdays (1655400) 3.50 Casper Classics (2843961) 3.55 Wham! Barn! Strawberry Jam! (7459665) 4.10 Free Willy (9822874) 4.35 The Really Wild

5.00 Newsround (T) (7117936) 5.10 Grange Hill (T) (1490110) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (502619) 6.00 News (T) and weather (918) 6.30 Regional News (110) 7.00 Watchdog (I) (7416)

7.30 EastEnders The truth finally dawns on Alan, whose love life has been somewhat turbulent of lete. Elsewhere, Frankie makes some unlikely triends (T) (394)

8.00 Wildliffe on One Footage of pygmy chimps, human beings' closest living relatives (1) (6856) 8.30 Next of Kim Phillip dreads the prospect of the school dance when he discovers his grandparents are planning to use the occasion to show off their jiving skills. Meanwhile, Georgia entertains a mystery quest (1) (2771)

9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (433077)

ws (1) and weather (384597) 9.35 The X Files The duo investiga bizarre claims of an imprisoned serial killer who maintains he was possessed by a murderous gargoyle. As Mulder finds evidence that he may be telling the truth, Scully searches for a more rational explanation (T) (655955)

10.20 The Frank Skinner Show (686232) 10.50 Question Time David Dimbleby takes the chair in Leeds as the Chancellor of the the chair in Leeos as the Charke, the Shadow Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, the Shadow Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, former Liberal Leader Sir David Steele and chairman of the Homeowners Friendly Society, Rosalind Gilmore, field questions from members of the public (1) (310145)

11.50 FILM: A Cry for Help (1989) with Nancy McKeon, Dale Midkitt and Graham Jarvis Real-life drama about a battered woman whose experiences of abuse at the hands of her husband eventually led to a change in state law. Directed by Robert Markowitz (755684)

1.20am Weather (7427268)

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5,30 The Village: Bentley, Hampshire (594690) 5,55 Turning Points (r)

6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (f) (347416) 6.45 Quantum Leap (r) (T) 7.30 First Sight The District Council of Welwyn and Haffield has been ordered to pay £50 million compensation to a property developer (936) .

8.00 Disaster Classified documents are used in the reconstruction of a struggle to prevent a catastrophic nuclear act on a submarine in October 1986. The crew struggled for three days to deal with fires after the explosion of a missile. Nameted by John Nettles (1) (4706)

8.30 Top Gear Jeremy Clarkson tests the pulling power of Japanese alternatives to executive cars, Steve Berry rides the Triumph 595, the long-aw bike that is taking on the Ducatis and the Honda Fireblades (1) (1923)

9.00 Third Rock from the Sun Dick decides it is time the Solomons joined an ethnic group (T) (732690)



Anthropologist Guillen (9.25pm)

9.25 Horizon: loe Mummiles
Beautifully dressed bodies of children buried high up in the Andes were so perfectly preserved that they appeared to be asleep (T) (809077) 10.15 Before 1 Die People tacing death describe the experience (299400)

10.25 Political Broadcast by the Conservative 10.30 Newsnight (1) (760771) 11.15 Late Review (712394)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (47530) 12.30am Learning Zone: The Creation of Childhood (24191) 1.00 Global Media (46559) 2.00 PETV Short Cuts 4.00 (54085) Greek/French Business and Work

CHOICE Wildlife on One: Pygmy Chimpanzee

There is, thankfully, very little violence in this film from the forests of Zaire, although BBC1, 8.00pm an altercation between young chimpanzees leaves one of them with a painfully damaged leaves one of them with a painfully damaged linger. But sex is something else. The bonobo, the species of chimp under discussion, uses sex not just for reproduction but to relieve tension. Sir David Attenborough's commentary spares us the euphemisms: everyone does it to everyone else, irrespective of age or gender. Pictorial evidence is thankfully discreet. The bonobo were the last type of age to be discovered and evidence is thankfully discreet. The bonobo were the last type of ape to be discovered and are in danger of being the first to disappear. Humans are destroying their natural habitat and hunting them for food and fewer than 5,000 remain. But they are survivors, not least the hero of the film, an eight-year-old orphan called Shijimi.

Reckless IIV, 9.00pm

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A young surgeon (Robson Green) falls in love with an older married woman (Francesca Annis) and they embark on a fraught affair. At least that is the crux of Paul Abbott's drama, though viewers made impatient by the pre-publicity might be wondering how long it will take for the couple to get there. The opening episode had Green's Dr Owen returning to Manchester to look after his sick father, taking a new Green's Dr Owen returning to Manchester to look after his sick father, taking a new hospital post and having a brief fling with a 17-year-old. Only right at the end did he tell Annis's Anna what he felt for her. Abbott keeps us in suspense for a while longer tonight, as Anna tries to back off and Dr Owen seems to have lost his chance Rut Owen seems to have lost his chance. But Abbot offers enough by way of ingenious plotting to hold the attention and to provide unexpected glosses on what would otherwise be a standard tale of adultery.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

In its best campaigning mood, Dispatches alleges that cutbacks in funding are having a serious effect on the competence and safety of the Royal Air Force. The programme claims the Royal Air Force. The programme cannot to identify specific cases where cuts have compromised safety and points out that the crash rate among RAF planes last year was the worst since the Guli War. According to RAF technicians, there are not engineers to service planes between flights, work is not properly checked and planes are cannibalised because of the shortage of spare parts. The reduction in flying hours is blamed for a crash in which a pilot was killed. The other main charge is that the cuts biamed for a crash in which a pilot was killed. The other main charge is that the cuts have undermined the the RAP's capability. A former Tornado pilot says: "We are not even ready for a minor combat role." The Ministry of Defence rejects all the claims.

lee Mummies - Horizon Special BBC2, 9.25pm

Not one frozen body but several feature in the final part of this *Horizon* mini series. All are of children, all were discovered in South are of children, all were discovered in South America and they bear striking testimony to the religious practices of the Incas who once dominated a large part of the continent. The Spanish, who arrived in 1532, found an empire bigger than that of ancient Rome and have left detailed records of the Inca civilization. But modern archaeology has civilisation. But modern archaeology has been able to supplement this information and, in places, to challenge its accuracy. As and, in places, to challenge its accuracy. As throughout this series, we can be dazzled by the ability of science to glean so much from frozen human remains hundreds of years old. The story of how these children were taken up a mountain and sacrificed to the gods is pieced together in all its (to us) horrifying detail.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1337023) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (1431313) 9.55 Regional News (1) (5589077) 10.00 The Time, The Place (61771)

10.30 This Morning (T) (33769936) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (6446690) 12.30 News (1) and weather (7301058) 12.55 Shortland Street (T) (7319077) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (15969400) 1.50 Afternoon Live (20851042) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (30750042) 2.50 Afternoon Live (5767684) 3.20 News (1) (7905049)

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5.40 ITN News (T) and weather (940400) 6.00 Home and Away Selina questions her relationship with Jesse (r) (T) (226) 6.30 HTV News (706)

7.00 Emmerdale A new arrival shocks the village and Chris takes out his anger on Bitt (T) (9684)



A nomadic archer (7.30pm)

7.30 Survival: Wilderness Warriors in the last of this series, Joel Bennett's film examines the lives of the Mongolian nomads who live in the deserts steppes of Central Asia and whose ns have changed little over the centuries. He illustrates their hors and archery skills and customs such as wrestling and herding (1) (690)

8.00 The Bill: Take Away Sergeant Ackland investigates when a prisoner claims he has been poisoned by a pizza (1232) 8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich (T)

9.00 Recidess Anna is finding it hard to come to terms with Owen's declaration of love. But he has

discovered something to his advantage — that Richard is not the doting husband she thinks he is (T) (9961) 10.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the the Conservative Party (387619)

10.05 News at Ten (T) and weather (682416) 10.35 Regional News (T) (230690) 10.45 Club Rugby: Visit of the Auckland Blues (590023)

11.45 Hunter (451771) 12.40am in Bed with Me Dinner (7505559) 1.10 Funny Business (8462356)

1,40 Cyber Cafe (9505202) 2.10 Late and Loud (2937801) 3.05 ITV Sport Classics (35731207) 3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (2572462) 4,30 The Time, the Place (13646)

5.00 The New Mr and Mrs Show (99578)

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11.45 Bagdad Cafe (267503) 12.15am Beyond Reality (48801) 12.45 Funny Business (5209269) 1.20 Ed's Night Party (5178172) 1.50 Club Nation (7774004)

2.45 Shift (9374511) 3.40 Planet Rock Profiles (60197004) 4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (4015998) 5.20 Asian Eye (2605207)

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11.15 The Fisherman's Tale (268232)

10.45 Power Game (278619)

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6.00 New Gamesmaster Computer and arcade games magazine presented by Dominik Diamond (T) (868)

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap. Lucy's love life brings her still more heartbreak (T) (348) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (278752) 7.50 The People's Agenda General election

8.00 An Inspector Calls The work of two Bournemouth beach inspectors who encounter abuse and violence and deal issues (229400) with bag-snatchers (5/6) (r) (1) (9874) 8.30 TV Dinners Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

continues his traw through the world of energetic amateur cooks and visits two more creative dinner parties (6/8) (5481) 9.00 Dispatches The award-winning current affairs series looks at the effects of spending cuts on salety in the RAF (891058)

9.45 The Long Johns Sir George Parr, director of the Georghis Khan Institute, explains the virtues of the tree market as applied to the drugs trade. With John Bird and John Fortune (T) (151961)



trons and Binoche (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Damage (1992) With Jeremy Irons and Julielte Binoche. A politician's family life is shattered when he embarks on an affair with son's griftiand. Directed by Louis Maile (T) (73787023)

12.05am The Unpleasant World Of Penn and Teller Macabre magic with guest Stephen Fry (r) (T) (1539066)

12.35 Death of a Democrat A Secret History investigation into the death in 1948 of Jan Maseryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, two weeks after the Communist selzed power. Tomas Kotik, a student tries to solve the mystery (r) (T) (8755849) 1.35 Nothing But the Truth Should a young man take responsibility for the baby born as a result of a one-night stand with a woman he hardly knows? (r) (8834608) 2.40 Nomads The Moors of Maurelania (1/4)

3.40 Schools (1) (991066) 5.30 Backdate (r) (1) (40627)

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8.00pm My Percurite Blonde (1942) (833364) 8.00 The Couch Trip (1988) (8345139) 10.00 The Magnificent Seven (1960) (44290145) 12.10em St Veien-tine's Day Massacre (1987) (7641004) 1.50 Pet and Miles (1982) (3115608) 3.25-5.25 Only Angels Have Wings (1939) (926337) CARTOON NETWORK/THT

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8.00pm Tight Lines (140440) 9.00 Euro-pean PGA Gott (1587787) 11.00 Bobby Charlton's Scrapbook (4804706) 12.30em-1.00 Rugby Hall of Figne (3147917) SKY SPORTS 3

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13 1997

Zola seizes on moment of defensive uncertainty to bring Italy victory at Wembley

England left looking back in anger

By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AT LUNCH yesterday, the Prime Minister had entertained overseas guests with the notion that there is no better home for the World Cup in the year 2006 than England. In the evening, out in the driving wind and rain at Wembley Stadium, Italy defeated England with an opportunist goal from Gianfranco Zola that imperils English hopes of qualifying for the next World Cup on French soil in 1998.

It was so very typical, all haste and discordant effort from England, which was lost on an Italian side that had the greater technical control, that was always more sure of its purpose, and that accom-plished without too much ado their country's seventh victory in ten meetings with England. Italy's fourth win in the past five encounters. They even stole England's proud record of being undefeated over 90 minutes for 29 internationals

Will England's followers never learn? There they were, singing in the rain for an hour before kick-off, and then they turned to the familiar shrill whistle of abuse for the Italian anthem. Quite apart from lost sportsmanship, it does nothing but provoke quality players to stick out their jaw, and to set about demonstrating

Hoddle had attempted to deceive, to invite Italy to believe that his team had such healing powers that Gascoigne would perform. Gas-

enough to be one of seven substitutes warming the Eng-

Probing for unity and looking as disparate as strangers. England attempted to break down Italy's return to their defensive tradition of catenaccio. Surprisingly. because Cesare Maldini, the veteran coach, is also a deceiver, it was Costacurta, the 40year-old Milan marker, who was entrusted with the role of libero. With the young, rela-

untried Facio

Cannavaro tight up against Shearer, with Ferrara ready to step forward and deny space to Le Tissier, the England hope that Italy would be lured out of shape by unfamiliar English attacking ideas was

True, thanks to Beckham, so lively on the right, and to McManaman's thirst for endeavour, England enjoyed an early territorial advantage. Almost inevitably. Zola, the

happy Chelsea wanderer, drew some Italian respite How elegant was his control of the ball, how swift his low shot that deflected wide of an upright off Pearce. Before Zola made a more telling contribution. Le Tissier was to show his own languid art. He had crossed over with McManaman, was lurking on the right edge of the penalty box, and when the ball came to him, he needed one touch to master it, one sweep to project it goalwards. Ferrara is accustomed to such technique; he repels it every Sunday in Serie A, and now he blocked Le Tissier's intended shot.

Then came Zola. Costacurta may not be a seasoned libero. but he knows the function. Reading the open play in front of him. advancing to the halfway line, he suddenly unleashed a long throughball, as if out of a catapult. Zola was ready, but Pearce

Father Time, perhaps, tapped the 34-year-old Nottingham Forest defender on the shoulder, for he seemed inert and bemused. What was he doing, this man of 73 international caps, standing three yards upfield of a danerous opponent? When Pearce awoke to that danger Zola had scampered behind him and, as Campbell came lunging desperately across, Zola squeezed his shot be-

Blame, in the first instance, the ball-watching of Pearce who, as a manager, would probably drop himself for indolence. Blame, if you must, Campbell for not realising the error of his compatriot sooner. And share that blame with Ian Walker, the inexperienced Tottenham Hotspur goalkeep-er, who, despite a worrying

season for him and his club, was somehow elevated in Hoddle's mind and Martyn and Tim Flowers, both of whom should have had higher claim in the absence of Seaman, through a knee injury.

Three times Zola baffled England, not least with a cunning volley that Walker saved with a punch. Somehow Carlo Ancelloti, the Parma coach, decided that this is a physical era. and Zola runs too close to the ground. England will delight in his skills, even if, in that eighteenthminute, he depressed the nation. When England recovered a sem-

ENGLAND'S bid to stage the

luminaries joined representa-

tives of Fifa, the game's world governing body, and the inter-national media as the Prime

Minister hailed the success of



blance of rhythm, an edge of competition, it was Batty and Beckham, again, who stimulated it. It was close to half-

time when Beckham attempted a 30-yard free-kick. which was no trouble at all for Peruzzi. However, the goalkeeper was less convincing moments later when Batty floated the ball in from the left, Peruzzi came and stopped in no man's land, and Le Tissier

talks, during which they were

persuaded to withdraw their

unequivocal support for

instead, an elimination pro-

cess will be set up to endorse

the Continent's choice.

Gerhard Aigner, the general secretary of Uefa, who is

German, said that a compro-

mise plan for England and

Germany to co-host the tour-

the event since 1986, in Mexi-

on, or Africa, which never has.

players of the past at the

reception vesterday were Sir Stanley Matthews, Sir Bobby

Charlton, Tom Finney, Nat Lofthouse. Geoff Hurst and

Sir Stanley said: "It would

be lovely to have the tourna-

ment back after a 40-year

break because we now have

football fever in this country

Finney said: "I think we

deserve to be heard. It would

have been a long time since 1966 and football in this

country has changed a lot

in the last five or six years.

We should be recognised for

the improvements we have

Gary Lineker.

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Among the famous England

June 2000.

Major launches

World Cup bid

By JOHN GOODBODY

produced a header that bounced a tormenting foot

The hour approached. England, given only glimmers of hope with speculative shots wide from Batty and Le Saux, abandoned their experimental forward approach, going back to aerial basics with Ferdinand replacing Le Tissier.

Yet, though the blue shirts were in apparent retreat, it

their lead, drawing England's sting, holding and containing them. McManaman did momentarily break threateningly on the left. He made perhaps 15 yards before Baggio blocktackled him and came away with the ball. Professional to

announces his return. I want

him to come back in top form."

play in the Portuguese Open, which starts at Aroeira, near

Lisbon, on March 13. The

week after, he hopes to appear in the Turespaña Masters at

Maspalomas in Gran

Then he will have a short

break before flying to New Orleans for the Freeport McDermott Classic a week

before his first real challenge, the Masters, which he won in

Olazábal's compatriot, Severiano Ballesteros, makes

his first appearance of the

season today in the Dimension Data Pro-am in Sun City.

part of which will be contested

great Spaniard's heart.

on a course that is close to the

Three of the four rounds of

the tournament are to be

played at the Gary Player Country Club, where Balles-

teros won the Million Dollar

Challenge in 1984. Nick Price,

ian Woosnam and the in-form

Mark McNulty, all past win-

ners at Sun City, are also in

Woosnam, who has made

an encouraging start to the season, would have been in

contention in the South Afri-

the field.

Canaria.

Olazábal. 31, is expected to

now it was Baggio.
But hope rose again, as England are nothing if not champions of spirit. In the 72nd minute, Le Saux, a man who has retrieved his career from a horrendous ankle inju-ry, struck a clever free kick menacingly beneath the cross bar. Peruzzi was equal to it the nth degree, Italy had allowed Albertini to wear him-

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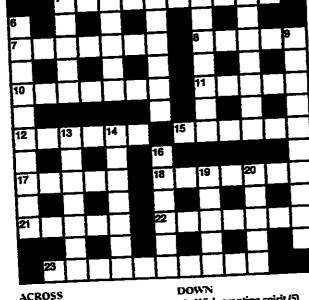
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2006 World Cup was officially launched by John Major yesterday, although no official of Uefa, football's European governing body, was present at the reception at 10 Downing 3 R-month-edible creature (6) A host of English football

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the European championship as evidence that the country is capable of staging the 32nation tournament. A Downing Street spokes-

man declined to comment on the absence of Uefa officials. who had not felt obliged to travel to London for the reception. However, Mr Major said: "There is a great will in the United Kingdom to have the prize of staging the World

Cup. I believe it will be magnificently done and our facilities will be the equal of any in the world by then. There is no doubt about the desire of the British public to support the competition here. Keith Wiseman, the chair-

man of the Football Association, described the recent dispute with Uefa as a "local difficulty". It was the invitation to Liefa officials to attend the reception, which also celebrated the success of Euro 96. that had sparked off the controversy over England's World Cup bid.

Two weeks ago, the Uefa executive committee reminded England that it had already endorsed Germany's candidature at meetings in 1993. 1994 and 1995. The FA then persuaded Uefa officials to come to London last Friday for

## self down running with Olazábal plans March return

BY MEL WEBB day, but he is still looking for perfection before he formally

A LONG and painful absence from golf appears to be nearing its end for José Maria Olazabal, the former Masters champion. Conventional methods of treatment to his severely arthritic feet having been tried and found wanting. he turned to a cure offered by a German consultant and is now on the brink of a return to tournament play.

The specialist, who treats

nament had not been ruled the Bayern Munich football out."I come from a country team and other leading sportswhere compromises are almen, recommended a course ways sought ... we will have of treatment, an important part of which involved to wait and see how it goes," he Olazibal walking barefoot for two miles a day in the surf near his home in Basque It is by no means certain that any European country will stage the 2006 tournacountry in northeast Spain. ment, particularly since candidates have at least two years to The result is that he is likely to make his comeback in the apply before the vote is held in Portuguese Open next month. It is a sea change from the With France due to hold the situation a year ago, when 1095 World Cup, the 2006 there was even a possibility that Olazabal might never tournament might go to Latin America, which has not staged

play professionally again.

"Physically, he is perfect," Sergio Gomez, his manager, said. "He is playing 18 holes a



can Open last week but for a 75 in the second round. He finished joint seventh: Greg Norman, the world No I, will be joining Colin Montgomerie, the defending champion, in the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates Club later this month. Woosnam, Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer and Costantino Rocca are also appearing.

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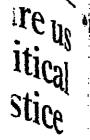
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Peace and harmony (almost) on the economic front

Yesterday's quarterly Inflation Report is-sued by the Bank of England makes it clear that the difference of opinion over interest rates between the Bank and the Chancellor is a marginal matter. Expectations of a sharp rise in interest rates straight after the election are almost certainly misplaced. As Howard Davies, the Bank's Deputy Governor said in a speech on Tuesday night, the gap between the two sides judgments on interest rates amounts to just one quarter of a percentage point

The Bank's surprisingly moderate report also weakens the case of those who attack Mr Clarke for acting in an irresponsibly "political" manner by refusing to raise interest rates before the election. Whatever one may think about Mr Clarke's true motivations, the facts suggest that he has strong economic justifications for his caution about raising interest rates any further.

The Inflation Report makes clear that the reasons for the disagreement between the Bank and the Chancellor are slight and that both sides' positions can be backed up by genuine economic evidence and analysis. The pound is becoming dangerously strong; manufacturing and exports are not sharing in the recovery in consumer spending; and this recovery itself shows no signs of turning into a overheated boom.

Even the sharp decline in unemployment. a welcome trend which continued with yesterday's January figures, may not be as rapid as the figures suggest because of the introduction of the new Jobseekers' Allowance which has taken tens of thousands of people off the register. All of these factors support the Chancellor's decision to keep monetary policy on hold until there is more evidence about the underlying strength of consumer demand, the housing market and the European economy, as well as the durability of the market's enthusiasm for

The Bank, for its part, puts more stress on the rapid growth of the money supply, the high level of consumer confidence, the

possible effects of building society windfalls and the tentative fears of higher wage settlements, although there is little evidence to back this last concern. The Bank's emphasis is entirely understandable. Its mandate requires it to focus exclusively on the danger of inflation, rather than taking a fully balanced view about the medium-term prospects for economic growth, employment

In fact, a slightly more hawkish stance on interest rates than the one taken by Mr Clarke might have been appropriate, even on a broader view of the national interest than the one taken by the Bank. It can certainly be argued that the risks in the coming year are skewed more towards an unhealthy boom than a dangerous economic slowdown. More importantly, it will be easier, and more popular, for the next government to take countervailing action against a surprising economic slowdown than against an unexpected outbreak of inflationary fever.

To this limited extent Mr Clarke can be accused of allowing politics to colour his economic judgment. His decision not to raise interest rates now certainly makes it more likely that an incoming Labour government will have to raise interest rates or taxes, or both, shortly after the election. It is almost inconceivable that the next Chancellor's first act in office will be to announce a cut in mortgage rates.

Yet even the Bank believes that the tightening of monetary policy that will be needed straight after the election is likely to be "moderate", perhaps just a quarter of a point and probably no more than a half. There seems no imminent prospect of a return to Britain's familiar boom-bust cycle. There is less danger than a few months ago of a big overshooting by sterling and little chance of a sharp rise in interest rates. On balance, the country (and the Labour Party) should be grateful - both for the Bank's vigilance on inflation and for the generally sensible economic judgment of Mr Clarke.

#### **GREEN AT THE EDGES**

American foreign policy falls prey to interest groups — again

The US connection has long been a matter of controversy in Ulster politics. Although sometimes unappreciated in Britain, this involvement, when deployed with care and caution, has often been constructive. The judicial chairmanship of former Senator George Mitchell over the Stormont talks is a case in point. That participation has always, however, been threatened by the actions of those who could in no sense be considered honest brokers. The combination of Nancy Soderberg at the National Security Council and Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith at the US Embassy in Dublin has been the chief cause of such distress.

The evident desire of Madeleine Albright, incoming US Secretary of State, to relocate policy as far as possible within her department, is essential to restoring a greater sense of balance and hence a broader scope of influence. Her willingness to meet the Ulster Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, next week — as her predecessor never did -- to discuss these matters further was entirely sensible. It seems now that reports in Britain noting the vulnerable position of Ambassador Smith have caused that meeting to be postponed in pique. This outcome reflects poorly both on Mrs Albright's political judgment and on the prospects for a fresh American approach to Northern Ireland.

The US Administration has been engaged in a painful process of reassessment of Ulster. President Clinton invested a great deal of personal political capital in the peace process and was persuaded that this required a particularly intense courtship of Sinn Fein and Gerry Adams. That confidence was severely shaken by the resumption of IRA violence, especially when it emerged that the preparation for this

outrage had been conducted just as the President made his pleas for reconciliation from Belfast City Hall.

The White House seemed to recognise the source of its embarrassment. Dubious advice had entered the Oval Office from Anthony Lake, his National Security Adviser, which Mr Clinton chose to grant favour over counsel from the State Department. Much of that analysis came through Ambassador Smith, whose enthusiasm for Gerry Adams knew few bounds. Whatever limited hopes Unionists might have had were shaken by her continual adoption of republican symbolism: her role as an extra in the film Michael Collins was only the most crass example of this.

Washington needs to move much closer to the stance taken by London and Dublin if it is to have any positive part in the post-Docklands peace process. This in turn requires the State Department consolidating

its hold on the policy. Yet not only has Mrs Albright mounted a defence of Ambassador Smith this week. which is her right, but the prospective deliberations with Sir Patrick Mayhew have been dropped from consideration. Whether this reflects the continued grip of the Kennedy clan over Mr Clinton or the influence of republican sympathisers in Congress on American diplomats can only

be a matter of speculation. Whatever the reason, it again looks as if American foreign policy is merely the outcome of a trial of strength among assorted interest groups. If so, the Unionists can hardly be expected to trust the United States. Without such faith there is little purpose in any Washington department attempting to exercise influence on Ulster's future.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FATWA

Britain must now take the lead against Tehran

Tomorrow is the eighth anniversary of the fatwa against Salman Rushdie, and the news from Tehran is grim. One of the most powerful members of the Iranian clergy. Ayatollah Sanci, has declared that the fatwa still stands and that the bounty on his head will be increased, at least temporarily, to \$2.5 million, in order to incite "Muslim or non-Muslim, including Rushdie's bodyguards" to assassinate the author of The Satanic Verses.

After five years of "critical dialogue" with Tehran, it is time to accept that the fatwa is unlikely ever to be revoked as long as Iran remains a theocracy dominated by fundamentalist imams. There is no sign from that quarter of the compassion and mercy. which are such central concepts of Islam. Ayatollah Sanei is head of the 15 Khordad Foundation, an influential Islamic organisation connected to senior figures in the Iranian regime. President Rafsanjani's claim that the Ayatollah and his foundation e no more than private bodies is mere

sophistry. If Mr Raisanjani wishes to disown the fatwa, he has only to say so, publicly and unambiguously, and to supply the written guarantee of Mr Rushdie's safety which Britain has sought for the past eight years. But the Iranian President, who is anyway Britain offers to take a lead.

expected to lose office in the elections next July, has offered only weasel words. Ayatollah Sanei also warned other presidential candidates not to distance themselves from the fatwa against Mr Rushdie. It seems unlikely that any likely leader will dare to challenge the late Ayatollah Khomeini's cruel anathema.

The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, has two choices: to support the American policy of sanctions against Iran, or to align Britain with those European partners, notably Germany, which have argued that tough measures would only strengthen the hardliners in Tehran. The bankruptcy of "critical dialogue" means that the option of appeasing Tehran by continuing normal trade and diplomacy while the fatwa still stands should now be ruled out.

Sanctions should never be imposed lightly, but the case for solidarity with Washington against state-sponsored Iranian terrorism is now very strong. When the new American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, visits London next week, it would be a welcome gesture for Mr Rifkind to announce that selective sanctions against Iran were being actively considered. Europe is no longer pursuing a credible policy on the Rushdie affair. Nor is it likely to do so unless

## ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# 'the popular will'

From Mrs Diana Maddock, MP for Christchurch (Liberal Democraft

Sir. Contrary to your leading article's suggestion (February 10), the Liberal-Democrats are not disappointed by the Labour Party's policy on propor-tional representation, since the joint constitutional talks between us are broad discussions seeking merely to see if there is common ground be-tween two parties who maintain dis-tinct identities in this as in other areas.

Moreover, you have turned the purpose of PR on its head when you claim that it takes the choice of government out of the hands of the people". Surely the whole case for electoral reform rests on the fact that under the firstpast-the-post system British govern-ments are consistently voted into comfortable majorities on the back of approximately 40 per cent of the national

In fact, the electorate will be able to take a far more hands-on approach to national politics when we are eventually able to elect a government which at least represents the majority view. The only people currently thwarting "the popular will" are the current administration whose shaky mandate to eovern ran out long ago.

Yours sincerely. DIANA MADDOCK, House of Commons. February 10,

From Mr Richard Burden, MP for Birmingham, Northfield (Labour)

Sir, The Times leader's forthright opposition to any change in the voting system is shortsighted.

Outside Westminster, I find people are deeply uneasy about the ritual parliamentary jousting matches they see on their TV screens, about sensationalised press reporting and about the narrowness of political debate which all this produces. I find people

- particularly young people - are looking for a new kind of politics as well as a change of government. This is why I also find there is growing enthusiasm for Labour's constitutional reform plans - including a referendum on the way MPs are elected.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BURDEN (Chair, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform), House of Commons.

From Mr Chris Lowry

Sir. Your leading article refers to the "weakness of the case for proportional of New Zealand where "the popular will was thwarted" as a result of PR.

Opponents of PR more often speak of "strong government" in defence of the first-past-the-post system though, oddly, this argument has been used less frequently since the last election. It is true that very strong forms of government - strong enough to provide full employment and build powerful armies - can be sustained by dispensing with the messy business of democracy altogether.

But if fairness is the consideration, then surely only PR is acceptable. That Tony Blair appears unpersuaded of the case for reform merely exposes his cynicism: only the current system could give his party absolute sovereignty.

Yours sincerely CHRIS LOWRY, 21 Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3. February 10.

#### Hindley's remorse

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, Although we must still recoil with horror from the deeds of Myra Hindley, surely it is not, as Mrs Deborah Stevens suggests (letter, February 7), whether Myra Hindley's "realisation of the enormity of her crime would preclude her ever considering herself worthy of release", but whether society in the person of the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is entitled to preciude her case from consideration by the Parole Board from time to time. a right enjoyed by all prisoners.

We should not, as Michael Howard has done, prejudge the issue. Ven-geance must not be allowed to replace justice in this country, however strongly we feel.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY BEST, Glebe Cottage, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon.

#### Highly popular

From Mr Bob Clough-Parker

Sir. In the entertaining Diary item about the arrangements for Jessica. Mitford's memorial service (February 8) it is stated that "invitations are being sent to 600 close friends". Admittedly the Mitford sisters were eccentrically gregarious, but I find this figure somewhat high.

I've got 13 close friends - and even so, five of them would not want to admit to being so. Yours faithfully.

BOB CLOUGH-PARKER, 85 Tarvin Road, Boughton, Chester.

be faxed to 017)-782 5046.

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Letters for publication may

## Debate on PR and Not so happy with Church clappies

From the Chaplain of Balliol College, Oxford

Sir. No one should be surprised that a host of senior churchmen stood ready to criticise Lord Runcie for suggesting that "happy-clappy" services may not hasten the arrival of the Kingdom (re-port, February 10). The real problem is not in what they are willing to allow but with what they will not allow (or at least not encourage).

It would be an answer to prayer if some of the bishops who truly value the Church of England as a liberal in-stitution and a broad Church expressed concern for the not insignificant number of faithful and thoughtful lay men and women who feel themselves disenfranchised in the parish by the almost complete abandonment by the clergy of the Book of Common Prayer.

They yet number in thousands and carry in the heart and imagination a great sense of sadness for the loss of something truly beautiful and substantial. I count myself as one of them.

Yours sincerely, H. D. DUPREE, Balliol College, Oxford. February 10.

From Mr John Ewington

Sir, Lord Runcie's remarks were timely and full of wisdom. One of the greatest mistakes made by the Church was the decision by the Synod's trendy, so-called liturgical scholars in the Sixties to bring out

modern vernacular liturgies which were going to fill our churches with young people who, apparently, did not understand the archaic language and dated theology of the Book of Common Praver.

Much of the trouble stems from our theological colleges, where, against all the rules, the Book of Common Prayer is scarcely, if ever, used as a vehicle for worship. Thus deprived, the preachers cannot possibly be teachers and so the faith is watered down.

As the Venerable George Austin said at a recent Anglo-Catholic festival in Cornwall: "If you water down the faith, then the people will go over the road to the pub, where they are not allowed to water anything down." In many cases that is exactly where the people have gone.

I, for one, hope that for the millennium, our Church will bring back the Book of Common Prayer as the source book for the main service of the day on Sundays. Let all these experimental liturgies be used on weekdays or for special services and let us restore to our services a little of the dignity and mystery which used to surround our worship. Then we shall see the younger members, together with those who have felt alienated from the church that they loved and in whose bosom they were nurtured, return to the fold.

Yours faithfully, JOHN EWINGTON (General Secretary, Guild of Church Musicians), Hillbrow, Godstone Road, Blechingley, Surrey. February 9.

From Mrs M. Clulow

Sir, You report today that some clergy believe Lord Runcie to be "out of touch with popular views" — pity help us if popularity has become the arbiter of what is right.

It seems to have been unnoticed that Lord Runcie was not saying that there should have been no change - only that it has gone too far, He's right. Well said Lord Runcie!

Yours sincerely. M. CLULOW. 99 St Andrews Road, Bebington, Wirral. Merseyside. February 10.

#### Paying for legal aid

From the President of the Law Society

Sir, You report (February 5) on proposals by the Legal Aid Board for law-yers to foot the bill in unsuccessful legal aid cases. The board fails to make it clear that lawyers already receive lower fees in losing cases. It is now seeking to blame lawyers for its own failure to manage the legal aid scheme properly. It is the Legal Aid Roard which decides which cases should be funded, not the lawyers involved. It needs to put its own house in

The Law Society made proposals two years ago to control very expensive cases and to weed out unmeritorious cases. We put forward a number of other proposals to improve value for money in legal aid. These constructive proposals were intended to

tackle the real problems of the scheme so that legal aid could be both more affordable and more widely available, but the Government's White Paper, published last summer, missed the opportunity to improve the scheme in that way.

Since the publication of the White Paper we have seen a flurry of headlines canvassing ill-thought-out ideas to control legal aid in panic response to individual cases. It is high time the Legal Aid Board and the Lord Chancellor worked together with consumer groups and the Law Society to improve the way legal aid operates, rather than indulging in crude law-

Yours faithfully, TONY GIRLING, President, The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, WC2. February 5.

#### Holocaust denial From the Dean of

Merton College, Oxford

Sir, It was probably right to make denial of Nazi mass murder a criminal offence in Germany (letters, February 5 and III. The German Basic Law of 1949 guaranteed freedom of faith and opinion, of speech and the press, but with the proviso that those who misuse their freedom to undermine free democratic order must lose that free-

Hitler had boasted: "I have destroyed the democrats with their own folly." That was not to happen again. Hence the prohibition of the Communist Party as unconstitutional in 1956, and a continued willingness to legislate against Nazi revivalism.

It is not right for Britain today. These denials are detestable, as was the behaviour of the British fellowtravellers who in Stalin's time denied his purges, and of those who later waved Mao's little red book while he was encompassing the deaths of millions of his countrymen. But as long as such behaviour presents no serious danger to this country, with its long and happy history of slowly broadening freedom, it deserves only contempt, not the intervention of the law. Yours faithfully.

THOMAS BRAUN (Dean and Tutor in Ancient History), Merton College, Oxford. February 11.

#### Gibraltar precedent

Sir, I entirely agree with Mr Andrew Stuart (letter, February I) that a consti-

That may have been true in his day (1978-80): my own experience was that the French could be persuaded to agree with us (and on occasion we with them), provided both sides tried hard enough, on the ground and back

to accede to the local popular demands for independence and dismantle the absurdities of the condominrum. They thought more in terms of managing (rather than manipulating or ignoring) the demand - our policy

From Major F. N. L. Chapman

Burrell bequest

Sir, If, as suggested by the Director of Glasgow's museums and art galleries in his letter of February 6 [see also let-ters, February 8 and 10], one can speculate upon what Sir William Burrell would have wanted to happen to his collection in changing circumstances, and then decide upon the basis of that speculation to do something quite contrary to the donor's written wishes. then the consequence can only be to deter future philanthropists from leaving anything to museums.

As it is, many bequests lie unseen by the public in museum storerpoms: most of the second finest collection of Kakiemon porcelain I know is not on public view, yet it is in a museum. There is an abundance of treasures in our museums and it may well be better for future donors to ensure in their wills that those things they wish to be preserved and seen and loved be sold by public auction and the money raised be given to help the poor and

By so doing they will achieve a double good, first by the widespread dispersal of their possessions amongst people who can afford them and look after them properly, and secondly by doing a great social good.

Yours faithfully, FRANK L CHAPMAN, The Old Surgery, Gloucester Street, Painswick, Gloucestershire. February 7.

From Sir Roger du Boulay

tutional condominium is exponentially more inefficient than a single authority. However, I must take issue with his assertion that the only thing the British and French could agree on. when jointly governing the New He-brides in the 1970s, was which side of the mad to drive on.

in Paris and London.

Most significantly, the French agreed with us that the time had come

was to accede to it. French reservations about timing and method, and

maybe even the shape of the ultimate

product, were foresecable. It is a pity

that more effective account was not taken of them in the run-up to independence. As you point out in your leading article of February 3, in Gibraltar there is no popular demand for independence, quite the contrary. Our belief in the right of people to choose for themselves is as fundamental and cherished as the Spanish belief in their sovereignty over Gibraltar and any agreement hammered out by diplomats or

would be riddled with reservations. That does not excuse us from trying. But the lesson from the past is to retain a high degree of scepticism.

politicians in such circumstances

Yours faithfully. ROGER du BOULAY (British Resident Commissioner, New Hebrides, 1973-75), Anstey House, Nr Buntingford, Hertfordshire. February 3.

#### Data on prostate cancer screening

From Professor Sir Miles Irving

Sir, There will be few doctors in the United Kingdom who are not aware of the recent moves towards provision of evidence-based medical practice, in which advice to patients on their management is based upon thorough, critical analysis of the existing scientific data about their condition.

Such an analysis was the basis of the NHS Health Technology Programme advice on prostate cancer (report, February 7), which was based on two independently undertaken systematic reviews of the evidence. The two reviews reached a remarkable degree of agreement about the futility of screening for prostate cancer in our present state of knowledge, and the absence of any evidence of benefit from either radical prostatectomy or radiotherapy over a policy of watchful waiting. Such conclusions matched those of similar reports from the USA.

Canada and Europe. It was therefore disappointing that the Cancer Research Campaign should react by immediately contradicting some of the findings by quoting from a fact sheet issued in 1994, which has not been updated. Such statements can only cause confusion amongst men concerned about prostate cancer and wanting the best possible advice.

Men are entitled to ask the CRC on what evidence their statement is made and they can contrast it with the information provided in the two bulletins on the topic, one for doctors and one for patients, distributed to all general practitioners in the United Kingdom by the NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination. These summarise the findings of our commissioned reviews based upon an exacting and up-todate analysis of all published evidence, copies of which can be pur-

Yours sincerely, MILES IRVING, Professor of Surgery The University of Manchester, Department of Surgery, Clinical Sciences Building, Hope Hospital, Salford, Greater Manchester. February 7.

#### NHS waiting lists

From Mr C. B. T. Adams, FRCS

Sir, For 22 years I had no appreciable waiting list. Three years ago the local health authority purchasers told the consultants of the neurosurgery deing list for those patients with (often very severe) sciatic pain. The hospital business manager told us to do the same because, if we had no waiting list, we would have no stick to beat the purchasers with. Recently the Berk-shire purchasers have told us six

months is too short a wait for these pa-We have repeatedly suggested that the purchasers and GPs inform the public of their decision, but they always refuse, leaving us to cope with

frustrated patients and GPs. May I suggest a new government makes it an obligation for purchasers to publish these edicts that affect provision of health services, including waiting lists. This would make the purchasers accountable to the public. which they are not at the moment.

Secondly it would cost nothing. Yours sincerely, C. B. T. ADAMS (Consultant Neurosurgeon), Raddiffe Infirmary NHS Trust. Woodstock Road, Oxford.

#### **Election promises**

From Dr A. W. F. Edwards

Sir, "The danger is that the attitude struck by the politicians to win votes will be carried over into government" according to Mr Michael Strauss and other members of the EU Economic and Social Committee, Brussels (letter, February 10).

Dangerous idea indeed, democracy. Yours faithfully. A. W. F. EDWARDS. Nickersons, High Street.

Barton, Cambridge.

February 10.

Discorde? From Mr Charles Hill

cessfully) to telephone BA's £10 Concorde offer line than the flight would have taken to get to New York. Yours faithfully, CHARLES HILL Stable House.

Sir, I spent more time trying (unsuc-

Tabbits Hill, Corfe Castle, Dorset. February 12.

#### All the trimmings

From Mr Matthew Charles Lee Sir, I was shocked to discover that, ac-

cording to the Director-General of the Prison Service, the cost of a British police cell for one night is up to £300 (report, February 11). Does this include morning coffee and a complimentary copy of The Times? That really would make it seem considerably better value.

Yours, MATT LEE, 221 Taft Hall, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

Architects put their winning designs on show



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February I2: Mr Christopher Meyer
was received in audience by The
Queen and kissed hands upon his
appointment as Her Majesty's
Ambassador to the Federal Republic
of Cerrons

The Lord Clydesmair was received by The Queen and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Thistle worn by his father, the late Lord

Clydesmuir.
His Excellency Dato Kassim Daud and Datin Latifah Yaakub were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appoint. President. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this murning opened Barnet Carers. Centre, I Castle Mews, Castle Road, and attended a Reception at Torrington Park, North Finchley, London N12.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Dollargrand, 419 Finchley Road, London NW3.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting, Association, later Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Brunei Darussalam in London.

Brunei Darussalam in London. The Queen held a Council at 12.40 p.m.
There were present: The Rt Hon
Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Earl Ferrers (Minister of State, Department of the Environment), the

Rt Hon Ian Lang MP (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry) and the Rt Hon David Macken MP (Minister of State, Home Office).

Lord Cullen, Mr David Davis MP. Lard Cullen, Mr David Davis MP, Mr Eric Rorth MP, Mr Michael Jack MP, Sir Liam McCollum, the Hon Sir Angus Ogitvy and Miss Ann Widdecombe MP were sworn in as Members of Her Majesny's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The R Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty.

had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, while of the President's this afternoon held a President's Forum at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 12: The Duke of York this

February 12: The Duke of York this morning visited the Montserral Volcano Observatory.

His Royal Highness later visited Salem Primary School.

The Duke of York today attended a Reception given by the Chief Minister (Mr. Bertrand. Osborne) for nongovernmental organisations and the Council of Christian Churches at the Vue Pointe Hotel. Old Towne. Vue Pointe Hotel, Old Towne. His Royal Highness this afternoon, visited Montserrat Secondary School,

Salem Carapus.

The Duke of York afterwards visited the Salem Catholic Church

His Royal Highness later visited

#### Royal engagements Reception

The Queen will present The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for higher and further education at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. Later the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will hold a reception for the mineralmers. reception for the prizewinners. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Welsh Cricket Association, will attend a dinner at the Marriott Hotel.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will attend a presentation ceremony at the Barpresentation ceremony at the Bar-bican at 2.15; and will attend a reception for external students at Senate House, Malet Street, WCl, at

The Duke of Kent will be present at The Drike of Activities to pleasent appreciate Pauckingham Palace when the Queen presents The Queen's Auniversary Prizes for higher and Auniversary Prizes for higher and will be the guest of honour at a diruner at Guildhall at

#### Prime Minister The Duke of Kent, President of the

YORK HOUSE

Football Association, attended a reception given by the Prints Minister vesterday at 10 Downing Street to mark the success of Euro 96 and to show support for the Football Association's bid to host the World Cup in 2006 and the England team, in advance of their World Cup qualifier against Italy

Poulters' Company The following have been elected officers of the Poulters' Company

for the ensuing year: Master, Mr T.G. Harris; Upper Warden, Mr R.J.C. Gilpin; Renter Warden, Mr C.R.S. Link.

## Birthdays today

Mr Michael Attenborough, principal associate director. Royal Shakespeare Company, 47; Dr D.V. Atterton, chairman, Guinness Mahon Holdings, 70; Mr David Banks, editorial director, Mirror Group Newspapers, 49: Miss Caroline Blakiston, actress, 64: Mr Liam Brady, former football manager. 41: Profes Derek Burke, former Vice-Chancellor, University of East Anglia. cajor, Oliversky of East Angua. 67; Earl Cadogan. 83; Dr J.P. Clayron, former Apothecary to HM Household at Windsor, 76; Miss M.E. Collins, former matron-in-chief. QARNNS, 70; Mr Gareth Davies, chairman, Glynwed International, 67; Rear-Admiral J. Phillip Edwards, Emeritus Fellow and Development

Director, Wadham College, Oxford, 70; Professor Janet Finch. Vice-Chancellor, Keele University 51; Baroness Flather, 63; Dr D.G. Hessayon, horticultural and agri-cultural author, 69; Professor Lord Lewis of Newnham, FRS, 69: Lord Lovat, 20: Mr John McAllion, MP. 49: Mr Gordon McMaster, MP. 37; Lord Manners, 74; Mr Colin Matthews, composer, 51: the Earl of Moray, 69: Miss Kim Novak, actress, 64: Mr Leonard Pascoe. cricketer. 47: Lord Peyton of Yeavil. 78; Lord Pym. 75: Mr Oliver Reed, actor. 59; Miss Margaretta Scott, actress, 85; Mr George Segal, actor, 63; M. Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, author and politician, 73; Dr Donald Sykes, former Principal, Mansfield College, Oxford, 67.

Lew Green, Surrey on February 20th followed by private cremation. Family

COMMER - On February 10th 1997 pencefully at home, Li-Col. Denham Hichmond Corner ayed 85 years. Haphend of the lare loss, father of Michael and Richy and grapdiather of Oliver and Glies. Foneral Service at St. Laurence's Church, Affpuddle on Monday February 17th at 2 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Gessuby Punesal Service, 16 Printers Street, Dorchester, 14th (01305) 262338.

FOLLEY MONTHS - Daphne (nie Stehn) died pestefully on 10th February 1997. Deady loved wife of Michael, mother of Carola, Marcia, P.; and Sarah and beloved grandmother. Family funeral follogion Friery Church, near Westbury, With, at 11.30 as Monday 17th February 1997.

Gillams - Rosemary (nés Jencia) who died auddenly on Saturday Sth February at Chalsen and Westpalaster Hospital after being taken ill the previous evening. Knows by so utany of her risends at Boole, the will always be remembered for her warmth. wouthful

always be sumembered for her warmth, youthful vividity and other wenderful qualities. Donations, if desired, to "Macmillan Nurser" Appeal Office, Duchess of Kant Rouse, 22 Liebuncod Road, Funding RUSO 2006.

Salem Park and conferred the title

The Duke of York this evening attended a Reception at Government House for the Royal Montserrat Defence Force, the Royal Montserrat Police Force and other organisations

involved in disaster relief.

His Royal Highness later attended a Dinner given by His Excellency the Governor at Vue Pointe Hotel, Old

Royal Yachting Association, later attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60

Royal Inames Tactar Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SWI.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Nobel Laureaus Dinner to mark the award of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Chemistry to Sir Harold Kroto at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SWI.

ST JAMES'S PALACE February 12: The Prince of Wales.

Patron, the Almshouse Association, today attended a Luncheon at St

James's Palace.
His Royal Highness, President,
The Prince's Trust, this afternoon

visited the Westminster Accommoda-tion and Leaving Care Scheme and met staff and young people who

recently left care.
The Prince of Wales. President.

The Prince of Wales, President, afterwards attended a Seminar organised by The Princes Trust at the Department of Health on advising young people leaving care.

His Royal Highness, President, this evening conferred an Honorary Doctorate upon Mousieur Pierre Boulez at the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London SW7.

YORK HOUSE.
ST JAMESS PALACE
Pebruary 12: The Duke of Kent,
President, the Roothell Association,
this afternoon attended a Reception
given by the Prime Minister, at 10
Downing Street, London SWI.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** February 12: The Princess Royal, President The Princess Royal Trust

Lottery cash for modest projects

By MARCUS BINNEY ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

NEVER again can you complain that the National Lottery is failing to produce imaginative useful buildings for worthy causes.

Picking Winners, a new exhibition at the Royal Institute of British Architects, shows a training centre for the spinally injured by Sir Norman Foster, a new county cricket ground by Sir Michael Hopkins, smart new facilities for sailing, rowing, diving, dramatic art, pop and community theatre in places as varied as Crewkerne, Cumbernauld and Armagh.

These are not the grand slam projects supported by the Millennium Commission. but more modest schemes funded by the Sports Council and Arts Council, some of them giving young architects their first important commissions and providing numerous clubs and voluntary organisations with a chance to expand or build new

Topping the bill is Michael Hopkins project for a new Hampshire county cricket ground at Eastleigh, in the form of an elliptical arena that is almost as striking as the famous Avebury stone

Bill Taylor, the project architect, says: "Strange to say there are no set dimensions for cricket grounds. Most have simply evolved over time, buying patches of land as they became available. Hampshire wanted to maintain the intimacy of their existing ground. They also have a policy of encouraging spin bowlers so the field has to be large enough to tempt the batsman to strike out, while letting the bowler feel

Lecture

Institution of Mechanical

Mr Yukinori Nakamura, the

Managing Director of Nissan's European Technology Centre. and

his Deputy, Mr lan Milburn, last

night presented the James Clayton Memorial Lecture, at the Institu-

tion of Mechanical Engineers

Professor Ernest Shannon.

President, was in the chair, at an

ordinary meeting held afterwards.

The first Daffodil Ball in aid of

Marie Curie Cancer Care will be held at the Savoy on Wednesday,

March 19. For further information

The Foreign Press Association

Señor Alberto Fujimori. President of Peru, addressed members of the

Foreign Press Association in

London on Tuesday at their head-quarters at II Carlion House

(IMechE) in London.

Daffodil Ball

telephone 0171-201-2376.

Meeting

REEN - Major Frederich Grookenden Green M.C. E.T.R.

Crockenden Green M.C. R.T.R. (Resid) suddenly in hospital on 9th February aged 85 years. Dearly leved husband of Elizabeth, hrother of Christina and John, uncleased great-uncle. Funeral Service to take place at Uckfield Holy Cross Church on Toesday 18th February at 230 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. Densitions if dealered to The Brooke Hospital or British Beaut Foundation of Coper & Son, 11 Res Town. Uckfield TNG2 5DL.

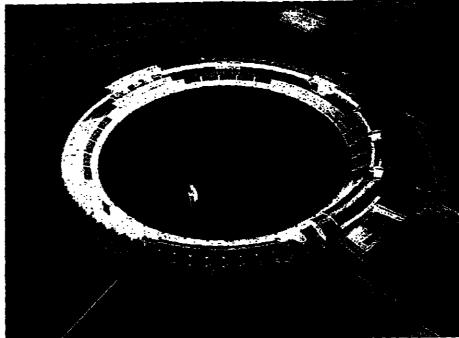
HENCHLEF - In St Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh, on February 10th 1997, Junnifer Margaret (née Hesth), loving mother of Ben, Adam and Rebecca, beloved daughter of Wallis and jure Hasth, dam sister of Rissty and Sandra and for terms fire years the wife of the wears the wife of

and Jane Heath, dans elster of Kinsty and Santin and for twenty five years the wife of the late John Hanchliff of Penistone. Yorkshire. Punezal Service in Hope Park Chunch, St Andrews, at 1.30 pm on Monday February 17th and thermaties to St Andrews Western Cemetery. Family flowers only please but doesnious if desired to St Columba's Hospice, Mospice,

Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh EHS 38W.

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Michael Hopkins' striking project for a new Hampshire county cricket ground

mined by the need for 20 parallel three-metre wide pitches which can be used in turn throughout the season. The surrounding earth bund not only provides raised seating for spectators but will shield noise from the nearby

Mr Taylor continues: "It will take four years to achieve the perfect turf and as the new ground is being created on a sloping site, we have to be absolutely sure there will be no settlement." The £15 million new ground and grandstand will open in 2001. In Docklands, east

London, the Royal Albert Dock Rowing Club has won ES.S million from the Sports Council towards lengthening the dock to form an Olympic standard 2km course, suitable for Britain's 2008 Olympic bid.

The new boat and clubhouse designed by the archi-tect Ian Ritchie will stand beside the finishing line and has a dramatically pointed prow. Inside it will house a hundred boats and contain a practice tank for a racing eight," says Mr Ritchie. There will be a clubhouse, gym and accommodation for

The Rev Ray Adams, Team Vicar,

St John's, Haydon Wick: to be also

Rural Dean of Cricklade (Bristol).

The Rev Vincent Ashwin, Vicar, St

James and St Rasil, Fenham and Rural Dean of Newcastle West to be Vicar, Haydon Bridge and

Beitingham w Henshaw and Ru-ral Dean of Hexham (Newcastle).

The Rev Christopher Atkins: now Honorary Assistant Curate, St

Denys, Southampton (Winches-

The Rev Raymond Best, Vicar.

Walker Christ Church, and Priest-in-charge, Byker St Martin

(Newcastle): now also an Honor-ary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral.

The Rev Richard Bryant, Vicar,

Wylam (Newcastle): now also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle

The Rev Colin Coppen, Priest-in-charge, St James, West Hamp-stead and Priest-in-charge, St Mary w All Souls, Kilburn: to be

The Rev Colin Craven, Team Vicar, St Anne's, Grantham (Lin-

coint: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter's, Fairfield (Derby). The Rev George Curry, Vicar, St Stephen, Low Elswick: to be also

Rector. Wood Green

Appointments

Church news



Ian Ritchie's dramatic design for a boat and clubhouse for the Royal Albert Dock Rowing Club

adapted by Circus Limited to serve as a touring cinema for Scotland's Highlands and Islands. The sides open up to triple the number of seats.

For the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore, west London, Sir Norman Foster has designed an elegant new sports and leisure centre which will be used to train people with disabilities to become sports centre managers. This is he has still got a chance."

The precise dimensions of the ellipse have been deter
visiting oarsmen.

One of the more unusual pire, a charity which works to rehabilitate people

Priest-in-charge, St Paul, High Elswick (Newcastle).

The Rev Brian Swallow, Vicar, St

Stephen, Burnley, to be also Rural Dean of Burnley (Blackburn).

The Rev Bob Toan, Vicar, Rock

Ferry: now also Rural Dean of Birkenhead (Chester).

The Rev Clive Tomkins, Priest-in-

charge, Eastry and Tilmanstone. to be Priest-in-charge.

Woodchurch and Assistant Di-

ocesan Stewardship Adviser (Canterbury).

The Rev Richard Cleland, Master

of Wyggeston's Hospital (Leicester): to retire July 4.

The Rev David McIntosh, Priest

in-charge, Barnton (Chester): to

Canon Robin Morris, Rector

Heswall and Rural Dean of Wirrall North (Chester): to retire

May IB.
The Rev Desmond Springham,
Vicar, Jersey St Andrew (Winchester): to retire May 31.

resign March 31.

Resignations and retireme

derland Andy Gollifer, a young architect, has won his first major commission for a national glass centre, while in Surrey, Robin Snell, the project architect for Glyndebourne Opera House, is designing a new fabricroofed glass pavilion for Surrey Institute of Art and Design. The message to every voluntary organisation is simple — go for it.

Picking Winners is at the

with spinal injuries. In Sun-

RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London WI, till March 8.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lord Randolph Chur-chill, statesman, Blembeim Palace, 1849; Feodor Chaliapin, singer and actor, Kazan, Russia, 1873; Eleanor Farjeon, writer of children's verse and stories, London, 1881; Georges Simenon, writer and creator of Maigret, Liege, 1901.

DEATHS: Benvenuto Cellini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1571; Richard Wagner, composer, Venice, 1883; Georges Rouault, Expressionist painter, Paris, 1958; Dame Christabel Pankhurst. suffragente, Los Angeles, 1958. The massacre of the Macdonalds

at Glencoe by the Campbells, 1692. The Dutch spy Mata Hari was arrested by the French, 1917. (Leocster): In reine July 4.

The Rev Tonn Fagan, Honorary
Curate (NSM), St Mary, Prescot
(Liverpool): to retire April 14.

The Rev John Hambidge, (sic.),
Rector, the Sheepy Group of
parishes (Leicester): to retire May
31. University news

Oxford Penabroke College

To an Honorary Fellowship: Sir Graham Hart, KCB. Granam riair, N.C.S.

To a Foundation Fellowship: Mr
Brian Taylor, Chief Executive,
Wardle Storeys Pk.

To a Professorial Fellow: Mr Roger

C. Boning, MA. Group Finance Director, Oxford University Press. To an Emeritus Fellowship: Professor Donald F. McKenzie, MA (New Zealand).

## Dinners

Board of Deputies of British

King Hussin and Queen Noor of ion and the Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the guests of honour at the annual president's dumer of the Board of Deputies of British Jews held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr and Mrs Poju Zabludowicz were the hosts. Mr Eldred Tabacimik. OC, president, was in the chair and Mr John Webber welcomed the guests.

The Princess Royal last night attended a dinner held at the Royal Society to mark the award of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Chemistry to Sir Harold Kroto, FRS. Among

Sir Harold Kroto, FRS. Among those present were:

Sir Aaron Klug, OM, PRS, Sir James Sir Aaron Klug, OM, PRS, Sir James Shack, FRS, Sir John Cornilorth, FRS, Professor Anthony Hewish, FRS, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, FRS, Professor Brian Josephson, FRS, Dr Man Perulz, OM, CH, FRS, Dr Man Perulz, OM, CH, FRS, Lord Porter of Luddenhaun, OM, FRS, and Professor Joseph Rothial, FRS, Nobel laureatest, Professor Braat Heap (Porters Secretary of the Royal Society), Sir John Horlockftreasured, Professor Peter Lachmann (Biological secretary), Professor John Rowlinson (Physical secretary), the Earl of Selborne, FRS, Fields Medallist Sir Michael Aityah, OM, FRS, Sir John Cadogan, FRS, Sir John Cadogan, FRS, Sir Richar Sybes, Sir Keith Thomas, FRA, Mr Jan Tawior, MP, Professor Richard Dixon, FRS, Professor Harry Heaney, Professor Michael Lappent, FRS, Professor Michae

Technology Colleges Trust
Mrs Gillian Shephard, Secretary
of State for Education and Employment, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Technology Colleges Trust held last night at Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham CTC. Lewisham, to mark the trust's 10th anniversary. Sir Cyril Taylor, chairman, presided. During the evening Mr Garry Weston of the Garfield Weston Roundation was presented with an award as Sponsor of the with an award as Sponsor of the Year. Annong others present were: Lord Quirk, FBA, Mr Kenneth Baker. CH., MP. Sir Romaid Haistead, Sir Stanley Raims, Mr Peter Makeham. Mr Feter Smith, Professor Stave Grigs, Mr John Bangs, Mr Ian Hunkeson, Dr. Blien Isler, Councillor Graham Lane, Mrs Kathleen Land. Councillor Ian Mearts, Mr Alan Parker, Mr Geoffrey Parker, Mr Michael Pridennx, Dr. Ritzabeth Sidwell, Councillor Saxon Speace, Mr Peter Thompson and Mr Keith Weller.

Royal College of Surgeons

of England The Master of the Rolls was the guest of honour at the Hunterian dinner held last night at the Royal College of Surgious of England, Sir Rodney Sweetnam, president, and Lady Sweetnam received the guests. Mr Stephen Dorrell, Sec-retary of State for Health, was

II Old Square
The Chambers of Mr Grant
Crawford and Mr Jonathan
Simpless at 11 Old Square Lincoln's Inn, held a dinner last night in the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn to in the Old Hall, Innounts are we mark the appointment of Sir Timothy Lloyd, their former head of Chambers, as a Judge of the High Court, and of Mr Patrick Powell as a Social Security Commissioner. The guests

included:
Lady Lloyd, Mrs Patrick Powell, the Right Bon Sir Richard Scott (Vice-chancellor) and Lady Scott, and Mr Justice: Forathan Patter, Vice-chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster) and Lady Parker.
Crahtree Foundation

Professor David Latchman deliv ered the oration at the annual dinner of the Crabtree Foundation held last night at University Coll-ege London Professor John Mullin presided Among those

present were Major-General Ian Baker, Judge Bernard Hargrove, Dr. Francisco Seltas da Costa, Mr. Frank Delaney and Mr. Paul Fisher.

#### Luncheon

London Vorkshire Society Sir Donald Thompson, MP. President of the London Yorkshire Society, was in the chair at the society's inaugural knicheon held yesterday at St Stephen's Constitu-tional Chib, Westminster. Dr Bernard Spencer has been elected vicepresident and secretary.

#### Appointment

TICKETS FOR SALE

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Mr James Daly to be High Commissioner to Mauritius from late May in succession to Mr John Harrison who is retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr C.D. Croic and Miss F.M. Houre The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Gerard Crole, of Greenwich, London, and Fiona, daughter of Mr Michael Hoare, of Dogmersfield, Hampshire, and Mrs Simon Loder, of Sherborne,

Mr J.L. Grace

and Ms K. O'Brien The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Grace, of Chiseldon, Wiltshire, and Kit, daughter of Dr. Harry Johnstone and the late Mrs. Jill Johnstone, of Oxford.

Mr D.J. Harwood and Miss K.V. Rowland The engagement is announced between David John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Harwood, of Bath, and Katie Victoria, youngest

daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Rowland, of Woodford, Cheshire. Mr R.L.A. Let and Miss V.M. Ashboarne

and Miss V.W. Asimbasiae
The engagement is announced
between Roger, son of the late Mr
Peter Lee and Mrs Lee, of How
Caple Court, Herefordshire, and
Vanessa, eldest daughter of Mr
and Mrs Keith Ashbourne, of
Buddet George Showeshire Ruckley Grange, Shropshire.

Mr L.N. Mackey and Miss C. van Prangh The engagement is announced between Loudon Neil, son of Mr and Mrs N.D.M. Mackay, of London SW19, and Camilla, daughter of the late Mr C.B.J. van Praugh and of Mrs J.D.L. Barratt. of Liss. Hampshire.

Mr A.R.F. Vines and Miss C.L. Turnbull The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs Edward Vines, of Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Turnbull, of Solihull,

#### Latest wills

Sir Quinton Hazell, of Warwick, left estate valued at £7,897,829 net. Major-General Patrick George Tarpin, of West Clandon, Guildford, Surrey left estate val-ued at £940,723 net. Edwin Walker Wright, solicitor, of Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, left estate valued at

£897,546 net. Cyril Frederick Oliver, of Coventry, left £1,904,404 net. He left the net balance of his estate to save The Children Fund for the relief of distores by children in third world countries.

Henry George Tidy, of Beacons-field, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,089,592 net.

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He left EL000 each to St Mary and All
Saints Church, Beaconstield, Buckinghamshire. Pine Ridge Dog
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People's Club, shares in his
residuary estate to the Ring George's
Fund for Sallors, RNIL, Oxfam.
National, Trust, Imperial Cancer
Research Fund, Help the Aged,
Bridgh Red Cross, Barnardos,
RSPCA, NSPCC and RSPB.

left £1,037,538 nct. George Nigel Lightfoot, of Old Bursledon; Hampshire, left E942,497 ner. Trever likyd Williams, of Oxford.

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left £1,093,117 net. Lawrence Paul Williams, of Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire, left

Rita Whymark Kitchin, of Bexhillon-Sea, East Sussex, left £1,032,175

net.

She left four equal shares in her residuary estate to RNII, Salvation Army. St Mark's Church. Little Commont, Bexhill-on-Sea, and Barnardos. Vera Frances Laura Quinton ton, of Runhall, Norwich, left

El,334,498 net.

She left the proceeds from the sale of her emerald and diamond three stone ring together with £5,000 to the RSPCA, £700 to the National Rivers Authority for a perpetual trophy in memory of her lare husband, £ric, who was the fishery officer for the board, and £500 to the Patochia! Church Council of Runhall and Conston. She also tell shares in her residuary estate to the Church of England Children's Society, Blue Cons. Redwings Horse Sanchary, and the RSPCA.

Olive Maude Willetts, of Humington, Halesowen, West Midlands, left £1,099,723 net. Gladys Broughton, of Nether Aldedey, Cheshire, left £1,493,080

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BALLARTINE - On February 10th 1997, to Marin (nee Rughes) and David, 2 daughter, Flond Clame.
CAMPSELL - On 5th February at Perth Royal Infirmary, to Heles (ass Black) and Andrew, a son, Angus William David, a boother for Alexander.
COX - On 29th January, Natasha Bryony Frances, a beautiful daughter for Nicola (ase Sterry) and David.
DOMECTORICS - On February 10th, 10 Time and Devid, a beautiful son, Jake Joseph.
JOHNSON - Mariah Dismond. on February Sth at The Portland Hospins to Shedi and Wallace Johnson a proclous gift from God - a lody full of His Shekimah.
SMITH - To Jane (née Condy) and Peter, a daughter, Sussems Jane Idias, on 5th February 1997. Grataful thanks to the stuff of King's College Hospital.
YSERDIS - On February 7th at The Fortland Hospital, to Alexanze (nie Tabakovic) and Ethimis, a beautiful son, Athanasios.

VORA - On February 6th at The Portland Hospital, or Trusha and Bharat, a beautiful daughter, Sanira, a sister for

NARD - On February 7th 1997 at The Portland Bosnital, to

at The Portland Hospital, to Sally (nee Burrell) and Stephen, a beautiful son, Micholas Edward.

WMTER - On December 26th, to Carol and Christopher, a daughter, Georgina Lucy.

## PERSONAL COLUMN **DEATHS**

Dempster (bill) aged 50 years of Shrivenham

Dempster (SH1) aged 50 years of Shrivenham, near Swindon, Wiles, Flight Engineer with British Alrways. Much loved husband of Slobhan, very dear Ded of Will imm Minhl, dear son of William and Margaret and son-do-law of Dorses Carr. Funeral at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, on Thuraday February 20th at 11 am. Family Howers only by request. Densitions in them for The Benal Unit, Comechill Boupital, Oxford, may be seen to AE, Smith & Son. Onesses Drive, Swindom Std. 1AW. Empairies tal: (01793) 522023.

LIMT - On Tuesday February 11th peacefully at Bake House, Lies, Marjorie, Istely of Petsunfield, aged 85 years. Nerview of Thanksgiving at 5t Peter's Church, Petersfield, on Thursday February 20th at 3 pm. Domatons if desired to The Stroke Association cle Fuberal Services

Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 389. Tek (01730) 262711.

salkipfield - Oliver Terpesed FRCS on February Sth 1997 aged 54 years, disnit loved humend of jeen zon father of Sanane and Elizabeth. Funeral Survice at St John's Church, Harborne, on Tuesday February 18th at 150 pm followed by private crispation. Family flowers only Donations if desired to Arthritis and Electrostics Council for Susserich etc 60 Wentworth Rosel, Electrostal, 517 97A.

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MEVLAN - Mary (née Shelley).	WALLS - Musici Mucicle, MBE.
widow of Deniel, died	On 10th February 1997.
peacefully february 9th.	
Sorely missed by Sarah, Liz.	
grandchildren and friends.	
Requiem Mass Secred Reset.	Beloved wife of the late
Cetil Road, Paigaton,	
February 18th 9.30 am.	Nicholes and Alan,
Memorial Service St Mary's,	
Rotherhithe Loudon, March	Edward and mother-in-law
VALL ORA	

Managial Service St Mary's Rotherhithe, London, Marci 12th 2.30 pm. Enquiries Managers (01903) 566581 funeral since, at her a her body is being of WICKHAM - On Wedn

WICHAM - On Wednesday
12th February 1997,
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Chelle 14 RANG- Roll aged 63, seddenly and pescently in hospital in Reading on Sanday 9th February 1997. Much leved and ever-loving mother, dissignation and sister' spe dissignation and sister' spe Street, Wilton, (01722) 744691,

grandmother and sister will also be greatly and by all her friends. Funer Chaddleworth Fusish Ch Chaddleworth Fasish Church at 2 pm on Saturday 15th February 1997. Family Howard Counties, if desired, may be Doustime, if delived, may be sent to Comp Hopson Funeral Directors, 6/12: Northbook Street, Northbook Street, Northbook Street, Northbook Street, Northbook Street, Northbook Street, Northbook Street, Rauppent Fand and Chiedelsworth Villege Will Street, Street, Rauppent Fand FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

COSSART - Charlie. The funeral will take place at 12 noon on Monday 17th February at R Lawrenor's Church, February at R Lawrenor's chirch, February at R Lawrenor's chir, Donations to Estitah Disbetic Association and The Wessex Childrens Hospite Trats, ch Lintest & Sons Funeral Directors, North Street, Midhuret, GU29 9DG. (01730-813264). MARRIER - On February 11th, Waterer - On February 11th, peacefully at home, Kathleen, sped 82 years. Signer of Marion and much loved country and godmother. Private gramatios. All enquiries to F.W. House and Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire, (VISPO) 674142.

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## LAWRENCE A. FLEISCHMAN

Lawrence A. Fleischman, art collector and philanthropist, died in London on January 31 aged 71. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on February 14, 1925.

arry Fleischman was an authority on modern American art and a champion of its wider appreciation. He was a tireless fundraiser for the arts in both America and Europe, an important benefactor to many philanthropic causes and a vigorous collector of ancient art. His financial assistance to the British Museum's Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities was particularly remarkable. He funded the refurbishment of several of its important galleries and organised fundraising for the museum in America.

Lawrence Arthur Fleischman was the son of Jewish emigres from Russia. He might be said to have inherited his dynamism from his father and his sensitivity and passion for beautiful objects from his mother. At the age of 18 he joined the US Army and in the following summer was shipped to Europe and Omaha Beach.

Later, on leave in London. he visited the British Museum and saw the display of masterpieces just then restored to view in the King Edward VII Gallery. This early contact with ancient art and the British Museum made a lasting impression on him.

Back in America after the war, he studied at Detroit University while helping to run the sales side of his father's carpet company. In 1948 he married Barbara Greenberg, and thus began a remarkable partnership. At this time two of the great threads in Fleischman's life began to emerge — his interest in art and his talent for

His interest in American art blossomed under the guidance of Edgar P. Richardson, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts. They established the Archives of American Art, a primary research resource for art historians, now part of the Smithsonian Institution.

In the 1950s the Fleischmans Fleischman developed strong



formed one of the earliest private collections of American art, which the State Department determined to send abroad in the interest of enhancing America's cultural profile: this included a 20month tour of South America and exhibitions in Tel Aviv, Athens, Istanbul and Reykjavik. Presidents John F. Kenne-

Fine Arts Committee for the White House. In 1966 the Fleischmans moved to New York and bought a half share of the Kennedy Gallery. Here Larry

dy and Lyndon B. Johnson

both asked him to serve on the

personal relationships with many leading American artists: he also tracked down important, lost works by earlier American painters. In 1969 he founded the American Art Journal. He became a board member of the Art Dealers Association of America and

was made a Fellow of the

Pierpont Morgan Library.

In 1971 Pope Paul VI invited him to assist in the formation of a collection of modern religious art. Together with Vatican officials and churchmen in New York Fleischman formed an unlikely coalition of talents that succeeded not only in forming a remarkable col-

lection but also in seeing it through to exhibition in the Vatican Museums. His efforts were formally recognised by Pope Paul, who made him a Knight of the Order of St Sylvester.

This connection with great museums naturally led the Fleischmans to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, where their endowments include a chair in the museum's department of American art; three galleries in its American wing showing American art from the permanent collection; a gallery of late medieval secular art; and a permanent senior post for a SOF

scholar in the department of Greek and Róman art.

The Heischmans' second great collection was of antiquiies. Built up over more than 40 years and embracing objects from ancient Greece, Rome and Etruria dating from 2800 BC to 400 AD, it was the product of a passion for art, a fascination with history and a sense of responsibility for the preservation and understanding of Classical art. It was shown to the public in the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu and in Cleveland between 1994 and 1995, and in an act of typical generosity was donated to the Getty Museum in 1996. The Fleischmans always insisted that they were "temporary custodians, not possessors"

Larry Fleischman's early connection with the British Museum was renewed in the late 1980s. Larry was instrumental in forming an international group of supporters of the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, the socalled Caryatids. In this way he began to forge special links with the staff, as a result of his vigorous commitment to scholarship, and to support a Museum that he sometimes referred to as a "United Nations of Art".

In 1991 he funded the refurbishment of the Bassae Gallery and some three years later agreed to take over the running of the British Museum's fundraising arm in America. In 1995 he pledged a most generous sum to enable the redevelopment of two galleries devoted to the explanation of the Parthenon and its sculptures. Again in 1996 he came to the department's aid when funds were needed to refurbish the gallery on the Greek Bronze Age. Sadly he did not live to see these last two projects completed.

A bustling, dynamic ligure, sometimes challenging, sometimes charming, driven from project to project, savouring adventure, always reaching for the highest quality, Fleischman was an eloquent ambassador for the arts, a collector with an outstanding eye, and generous in every way. He is survived by his wife

and by two daughters and a performance the Lysander,

## **SQUADRON LEADER BUNNY RYMILLS**

Sonadron leader Bungy Rymills, DFC and Bar. DFM, wartime Lysander pilot on clandestine air operations, died on January 12 aged 76. He was born on August 11, 1920.

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ALTHOUGH he began his war on bomber operations over Germany, it was as an exceptionally capable pilot of Lysanders, picking up Resistance fighters and secret agents from occupied France that Bunny Rymills wil be best remembered. Landing on short, improvised airstrips, often on rough fields, by moonlight, with nothing but the torches of the reception committee to guide him in, was hazardous work and the aircraft had to be brought to a stop in 150 yards.

Frank Earnest Rymills was educated at Southfields School and trained as an architect. But seeing that war was imminent, he volunteered to learn to fly with the RAF Volunteer Reserve in the summer of 1939 and trained as a bomber pilot.

On his 21st birthday, as a sergeant pilot, he was over Germany in a Whitley bomber of No 58 Squadron in 4 Group. He survived 26 bombing raids.

in February 1942, by then commissioned as a pilot officer, Rymills was posted to No 138 Special Duties Squadron to fly parachute missions in Whitleys and Halifaxes. He and his squadron dropped agents and containers of weapons and supplies to intelligence and resistance networks in occupied Europe. One night after landing his

Halifax back at Tangmere, while taxiing round the perimeter track he just avoided running over Wing Commander Pickard, the CO of No 161 SD Squadron who had just landed a Lysander after a pick-up. Over a game of cards in Tangmere Cottage, "Pick" offered Bunny a job as a Lysander pilot which was eagerly accepted, to the annoyance of 138 Squadron's CO. With its excellent Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL)

originally designed as an to Malaya and assisted in Army co-operation aircraft. was ideal for the sneak visits to occupied France which were required by the operations of the British secret services. Rymilis's first missions with No 161 was in January 1943 and in the six months he spent with the squadron he became renowned for his skill in getting his aircraft down onto

had been shot down and, fortunately for him, had parachuted virtually to the feet of a Resistance fighter's wife. When Rymills left 161 Squadron in July 1943 he had completed 65 operations without a rest - twice the normal ration. On the evening of D-Day he was one of the 38 Group pilots towing gliders to Normandy to reinforce the 6th

clearings and meadows under

the most difficult circum-

stances. On one occasion he

rescued an RAF sergeant who

Airborne Division near Caen in Operation Mallard. After the war he was posted

operation Termite, flushing out communist guerrillas from the jungle. In his spare time he would enjoy shooting wild pigs in the jungle. in August 1963 he retired

from the RAF and settled in Suffolk to enjoy his retirement with his wife Pennie whom he had married in 1940. He started pig farming with his sons, and when he could leave them to carry on he started up a firm called Cam Metric which made scientific instruments in Cambridge. He also kept ferrets and bees and enjoyed watercolour painting, birdwatching and all aspecis of the countryside — including poaching with his specially

powerful catapult. Taking the salute at the Remembrance Day parade last November, he caught a chill which may have led to the pneumonia from which he did not recover. He leaves his widow Pennie, two sons and two daughters.



Bunny Rymills and a restored Lysander at the Fairford Air Tattoo in July 1995

## **BARRY EVANS**

Barry Evans, actor, died on February 11 aged 52. He was born on June 18. 1944.

BARRY EVANS, who has been found dead at his home, was a familiar (ace in British film and television comedies of the late 1960s and 1970s, when his boyish charm brought him a succession of leading roles. He specialised in endearing-

ly innocent young men, and first won critical acclaim for his engaging performance in Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush, the 1967 film in which he played a teenage schoolboy farcically intent on losing his virginity. But his greatest success was as the naive and nervous medical student Michael Upton in the popular television series Doctor in the House, based on the books by Richard Gordon. His youthful good looks and

sweet confusion drew an enthusiastic and not wholly maternal response from female

His talent for portraying comic anxiety and sexual vulnerability brought Evans fame, and a respectable £500 a week: but it also denied him the more serious roles he wanted. He left the Doctor programmes after the second series, Doctor at Large, only to find himself playing the perky but put-upon young English teacher Jeremy Brown in the London Weekend Television comedy series Mind Your Language. In the cinema he went on to star in a dismal 1975 sex farce. Adven-

tures of a Taxi Driver. That was his last film appearance. As the fresh-faced appeal on which his career was based began to fade, Evans found himself less and less in demand. By the time of



his death, he had been working as a taxi driver for several

years. Barry Evans was born in Guildford and brought up in an orphanage at Twickenham. Many of the other boys in the home went into the Forces, but Evans was encouraged in his ambition to become an actor, and at the age

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of 18 he won a John Gielgud scholarship to the Central School of Speech and Drama in London.

On graduating he found work with regional repertory companies, a role in Arnold Wesker's Chips with Every-thing, and some "spear-carrying parts" at the National Theatre, before Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush brought wider attention.

Written by Hunter Davis, the film's approach to its sexual subject matter was considered rather daring in 1967. The director, Clive Donner, wanted someone who looked 17 but had solid experience as an actor; Evans was ideal, and his performance was praised as a definitive portrait of a boy on the threshold of manhood". The same year, he appeared in a BBC production of Much Ado About Nothing.

International

The Doctor programmes, which began in 1969, brought Evans a degree of celebrity with which he was never quite comfortable. He had a reputation as a loner, and was reluctant to do the interviews or public appearances that are expected of a television star.

Declining to make a third Doctor series in 1971, he concentrated for a while on theatre work, which included directing plays at Theatr Clwyd in Mold, Any rewards were purely spiritual, howev-er, and after a period in debt and dependent on Social Security, he approached LWT about the possibility of more television work. The result was Mind Your Language, a comedy series which ran from 1977 to 1981.

"I'm not in love with acting," Evans once said. "It's just the easiest way I know to accumulate money quickly." When that easy option became more difficult, he left the business altogether. For the last few years of his life he lived quietly in a dilapidated bungalow at Claybrooke Magna, near Lutterworth. Leicestershire. where he worked as a taxi driver, first for a local firm and then latterly on his own account.

The press had speculated eagerly on Evans's private life throughout his career, sug gesting romantic links with several of his more glamorous co-stars, particularly the ac-tress Judy Geson, to whom he was said to have proposed. He did nothing to curb the speculation, but he lived alone and never married.

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Many of the tickets had been sold by the

principal hotels at prices ranging from 12 to

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empty when they received them. But the confusion over the distribution of tickets was

even surpassed by the confusion at the various entrances and in one or two cases

people were unjustly seized by military police

sending them to the different entrances.

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# PHILIP STIBBE

Philip Stibbe. headmaster of Norwich School, died on January 17 aged 75. He was born on July 20 1921.

UNTIL the end of his life Philip Stibbe always remembered the sacrifice that had been made for him during the Second World War by Burma Rifleman Maung Tun. As a young officer taking part in Orde Wingate's first foray into Burma, Stibbe was severely wounded in a skirmish at Hintha. He was reported missing presumed dead" by his column commander Ber nard Fergusson. Stibbe would, indeed, have died were it not for the courage of Maung Tun who volunteered to stay behind with him and. even when captured by the Japanese, refused to reveal where the wounded British officer lay hidden. He died

under brutai torture. "I can never be worthy of the sacrifice he made." Stibbe later wrote in Return via Rangoon (1947), an autobio-graphical account of his part in the first Chindit expedition and his subsequent two years spent in appalling conditions as a prisoner of war in Rangoon jail. "I shall always have the feeling that my life is

not my awn." It was this sense of a debt owed to others, together with a lifelong passion for literature. which inspired Stibbe after the war to become a teacher. For 2) years he was a housemaster at Bradfield College, and from there he went on in 1975 to become headmaster of Nor-

wich School. Few of his pupils or colleagues, however, knew of his wartime escapades, until his account of them in Return via Rangoon was re-

published in 1994. Philip Godfrey Stibbe was educated at Mill Hill School from where he won a place at Merton College, Oxford. He originally intended to read Classics but later changed to study English, inspired by



Wordsworth's Tintern Abbey. He never lost this love of literature and, even in the Burmese jungle, marched with a copy of Milton in his

rucksack Dunkirk prompted him to join the Army, initially with the Royal Sussex Regiment, and then the 13th Battalion of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment on special duties in India. The first Chindit expedition in which he took part shattered the myth of the

invincible Japanese soldier.

proving that it was possible to harass the enemy deep behind his own lines. Stibbe was mentioned in dispatches for his part in the skirmish at After two harrowing years

as a prisoner of war in Rangoon jail, Stibbe was released and he returned to Oxford to complete his degree. His rooms at Merton were the same he had left several years earlier — this was a gesture he considered typically consider. ate of the college.

On graduating he took a

teaching job at Bradfield College and was appointed a housemaster in 1953. He was to remain in this post for 21

in 1975, at the age of 54, he was appointed Headmaster of Norwich School During his time there he guided the school back from direct grant to fully independent status and introduced a sixth form tutorial system and the Friends of Norwich School. Stibbe was especially

pleased with the restoration of the school's medieval chapel. It was the focus of all he believed in: courtesy, integrity, perseverance and, above all the courage of Christian conviction. He retired in 1984 with

Parkinson's disease, an afflic-tion which he bore valiantly and with characteristic cheerfulness for 18 years.

his wife Joy, daughter of Canon Grant Thornton of Leicester, whom he married in 1956 and by a daughter and two sons.

Philip Stibbe is survived by

PIUS XI CROWNED. ON THIS DAY A SECOND PUBLIC APPEARANCE (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) February 13, 1922 To-day, at any rate, all roads in Rome, led to

St. Peter's, and by 4.30 this morning there were several thousands of people in the Piazza # Common to the waiting for the doors of the Basilica to be A notable event in the pontificate of At six o'clock the bridges across the Tiber

Pius XI (1922-39) was his signing with were black with carriages, motor-cars, taxi-Mussolini of the Lateran Treaty which cabs, all charging heavy prices for the recognised the independent sovereignty occasion, conveying men in evening dress and women in black mantillas through the early of the Vatican. morning dusk towards the Vatican; and in and out of the foot passengers ran men selling and thrown out by force. These occurrences camp-stools. Outside the Basilica itself were

> at one time 50,000 people were in the Basilica. I passed round behind St. Peter's and entered the Vatican itself. But in the Cortile of San Damaso, the Cardinals were arriving and mounting to the Sala Regia, where they bid good-bye to their relatives before vesting for the ceremony. On the Scala Regia guards wearing thick bushies were keeping the stairs clear for the Papal procession into the Basilica itself, which gave forth the noise of thousands of voices. Every tomb and confessional-box and, in some cases, the altars themselves were

are possibly excusable when it is realised that

black with people, who waited pariently till 20 minutes to 9 when a sudden burst of cheering greeted the arrival of the procession to the strains of the famous silver trumpets playing Longhi's Papal March.

was nearly an hour before the Pope, on his Sedia gestatoria, entered beneath the shade of an enormous silver canopy and proceeded to the main altar to celebrate mass. At the Pope's passage the whole crowd cheered waving handkerchiefs as though greeting a victorious monarch.

When the Pope elevated and displayed the Host in every direction, the Cardinals and all the people immediately knelt down facing the altar, while the Noble Guard came smartly to attention and went down on one knee with one hand at the salute and the points of their swords resting on the green carpet. At the same moment, silver trumpets rang nut. simulating the voices of angels. Immediately afterwards the procession formed up again

for the Coronation. The event was announced to the people outside by the pealing of the bells of St. Peter's. Their patience was rewarded for, at 20 minutes past one, the doors above the middle entrance were again opened and the Papal cloth was again hung over the balustrade and ten minutes later the Pone, wearing the fiara, appeared to give his blessing.

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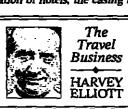
a lot but missing the point hat are conferences and conventions for? Almost every

week an industry, trade or organisation takes over a hotel or a conference centre somewhere to listen to professional speakers, mingle and talk to each other, and maybe pick up a bit of business. Most single-issue groups

tend to focus on the interests that directly affect them, rather than the broader problems confronting their customers.

The travel industry, how ever - perhaps because its success is inextricably linked to the dreams and aspirations of both holidaymakers and businessmen - is more eclectic in its discussions than

With senior politicians from each of the three parties listening in, they wanted to know about VAT on tourism. about the value of the pound, how they will cope when dutyfree is abolished, the classification of hotels, the easing of



more tourists when roads, especially in London, are clogged beyond congestion, business, increasing at about 15 per when the Lakes and the Peak District are being worn away. and when "honeypots" such as Oxford and Stratford are

> He received the usual platitudinous replies. It was a "difficult" problem and the only real answer was to "spread the load" and encourage tourists to travel outside London and the key centres. I have not yet heard of any scheme which would have such an effect because foreign visitors come to Britain to see London and the other attrac-

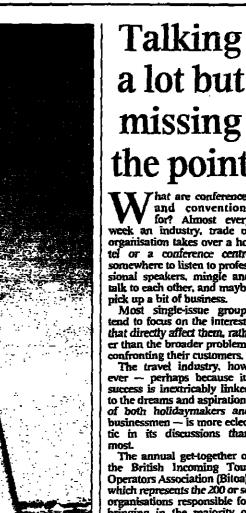
But someone soon must at least discuss whether there are limits to growth, whether our airports, roads and ports are capable of further expansion and whether we want to build more, or let the existing infrastructure simply become saturated and so create a

hile the big issue was swept aside one small practical suggestion was made privately which I believe warrants

discussion. Why, said the owner of the

flight, be more equitable and also enable the Government to increase its revenue. A £10 tax on a £29 ticket from Luton to Scotland — which will be payable by all air travellers from November — is an awful lot compared

That, after all, is what conferences are for.



The annual get-together of the British Incoming Tour Operators Association (Bitoa), which represents the 200 or so organisations responsible for bringing in the majority of Britain's 24 million foreign tourists each year, took place in Jersey last week. Members fretted not only about their own immediate problems but also those faced by their customers.



Britain's laws on gaming, and

rables, and many other issues. Sadly, however, the key problem now confronting the British tourism industry was largely brushed aside. Only one questioner wanted to know how long Britain could go on encouraging more and

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tions we so often take for granted.

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cut-price airline EasyJet (who admittedly has an axe to

grind), is air passenger duty levied at a flat rate? If it was a percentage of the cost of a flight it would benefit those seeking the cheapest possible

with £20 on a £5,000 Concorde flight across the Atlantic Discuss.

# New rail firms plan first class shake up

BY TONY DAWE

REVOLUTION in rail travel is expected later this year with the introduction of club class and "super first" services by the privatised companies now running long-distance

Plans are being finalised to launch a new class of travel for passengers paying the full standard fare on trains between London and the East Midlands and on the London to Scotland East Coast line

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Eurostar and Virgin, which has just won the London to Glasgow West Coast franchise, are expected to go one better and offer four grades of travel with super first and internal 1 came super standard classes added to the traditional services. of the state a heat they

The extra classes reflect the new era of rail travel which started with the privatisation of British Rail and will be the first major change in the standard of service offered to passengers since the abolition of third class in the post-war

years. The changes will mean, however, that those travelling on cheap day returns and super saver tickets will become, in effect, third or even fourth class passengers like air travellers on the cheapest tickets who are often seated at the back of long haul planes.

The main purpose of introducing a club class service is to lure business travellers unwilling to pay expensive first class fares and unable to use saver tickets because they start their journeys at peak times. They will be seated in carriages similar to existing first. class while first class will be upgraded to offer extra com-Relate boveou

fort and service. Midland Mainline - which --- operates high speed services erween St Pancras station, ondon, and Leicester, Derby, Nottingham and Sheffield is expected to launch its club class service in the autumn. We are looking at providing something extra for business travellers who make up 50 per cent of our customers," said Kevin Johnson, a company

spokesman. Sea Containers, which runs the East Coast main line trains, is also looking at introducing a business class

Eurostar is working on the launch of premium first and premium standard services on its trains between Waterloo, London, and Paris and Brussels. "We operate big trains with 18 coaches and 770 seats and believe that having just two classes of accommodation is prescriptive," says a

spokesman. "We would like to offer a greater choice for those who buy fully flexible tickets and give them more privacy, which is what business people

want." Details are still being worked out but travellers in "super first" might expect a better choice of catering and free newspapers while those in "super standard" will get more space and a wider choice of food, although free meals will still be limited to first class

The first company to introduce a club class was Le Shuttle, which relaunched the service this week on its vehicle-carrying trains between Folkestone and Calais. The extras, available at a £15 premium each way, make life easier for passengers as they arrive at the terminals rather than on board the trains.

Club class travellers are offered a "fast track" service at the ticket booths and a place at the front of the queue.



Airtours believes timeshare's reputation is improving rapidly and it plans to target the 150,000 package tourists who visit Florida every year

#### Airtours goes for timeshares in Florida really big players in the industry, the

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

MILLIONS of foreign visitors

are expected to turn their

backs on Britain this year

because of a 20 per cent

increase in the value of the

pound against many other

Less than 24 hours after

Virginia Bottomley, the Heri-

tage Secretary, issued a policy

document exhorting Britain's

tourism industry to turn the

country into the world's lead-

ing holiday destination, 200 in-bound tourism officials and

agents heard that it is unlikely

to happen - and that the

Government's own policies

In what amounted to a

stinging rebuff for Mrs

Bottomley and the Govern-

ment the British Incoming

Tour Operators Association

currencies.

were to blame.

BRITAIN's second biggest package tour operator is to sell timeshares in Florida in a move which could transform the way Britain goes on

Next month Airtours will begin selling a week's timeshare on apartments in Lake Eve, Florida, from £6,000 per week. The main target audience will be the 150,000 package tourists who fly to Florida each year

with the company.

Details of the new offers will be given in future Airtours brochures and Airtours passengers will see a video in flight and will be offered incentives to visit the development.

Gary Wardrope, Airtours marketing manager, said yesterday: "This is a new baby for Airtours which will soon take on a life of its own. We realise that until now timeshare has had a poor

image among many holidaymakers in Britain, but we have a reputation for taking on difficult schemes and making them work."

The decision to enter the market was taken after Airtours executives finally became convinced that timeshare was becoming acceptable. Already Disney, Marriott and Hyatt are selling properties on a timeshare basis and the industry is said to be worth more than \$5 billion a year. Other British holiday companies are watching the development and are bound to join if

proves a success. Airtours has become a joint partner in an American company which is building a five-star development of apartments in Lake Eve near Disney World. It has invested \$24 million in Mr Wardrope. "You now have some

the first phase of the development, which includes 34 units and will be available for timeshare purchase from

November Over the next seven years the site will be extended until it contains 646 separate apartments with one, two and three bedrooms. Airtours is also looking out for opportunities in other parts of the world that are popular with timeshare buvers.

Anyone signing up for a property will become a member of the giant RCI timeshare exchange company and will be able to swap their property for one in more than 3,000 developments - known in the trade as

"resorts" - around the world. "Timeshare is coming of age," said

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

(Bitoa), meeting in Jersey last week, were told that the tour-

ism bubble, which has seen an

almost constant increase in

the number of visitors to

Britain over the past five

years, was about to burst.

The major reason for this is

that Britain has recently be-

come a relatively expensive

destination for many of our

traditional visitors," said Stu-

was "bitterly disappointed"

with the doubling of the

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difference to the number of

visitors coming to Britain.

"Quite why he thought a

family of four travelling from

outside the European Union

thought would make no

Mr Crouch also said that he

art Crouch. Bitoa chairman.

five-star luxury standard and clients can be assured that there are no cowboys involved." In an effort to tempt potential clients to buy, Airtours will offer its existing

properties we are looking at are all

package holidaymakers to Florida an incentive worth around \$100 to visit the site of the new timeshares. "We will offer each client either two days' free car hire, free passes to Disney or dinner for two worth \$100 just to visit the resort," said Mr

Wardrope. "We are very serious about this and people will know that we are not a fly-by-night company which is going to disappear." The timeshare industry is among the biggest growth areas of the holiday

would cough up £80 in airport

duty - in addition to 17.5 per

cent VAT on hotel accommo-

dation and VAT on almost

every other purchase they

make is something only he can

Many in the industry now

forecast that 1997 will show a

drop in visitor numbers over

1996 and even the most optimistic forecast suggests that the increase will only be

Latest overseas visitor fig-

ures show that spending be-

tween January to November

1996 was up by 6 per cent on

the same period of 1995 and

that the number of overseas

visitors was 24.3 million. Brit-

ain is now fifth in the league

table of international tourism

between 2 to 3 per cent.

answer," he said.

### - Newsagents to sell travel insurance

...... 12 NEARLY 3,000 newsagents in many of Britain's key towns and cities are to sell cut-price ..., travel insurance along with ... the morning papers, Harvey . ... Elliott writes.

Under the general title "Gullivers" the travel insurance policy will dramatically undercut rival schemes, ac-Arding to the National Federation of Retail Newsagents. "We are targeting the agents

who operate in the bigger .... towns and cities and which are in the best locations," Chander Hingorani, financial controlof NFRN, said. louseholders will soon be

ng leaflets telling them they can buy insurance ough our members much leaper than going through a gavel agent or a broker."

Each of the newsagents who will take part already delivers paper to between 500 and 600 households and, with a backup advertising campaign, the federation is convinced it can grab a big share of the fast expanding travel insurance It claims, for example, that a

family of four travelling to Europe for between 11 and 17 days would pay £49.50 for the newsagents' insurance, underwrite at Lloyds, compared with \$2.55 at a Post Office or 0115.32 through Lunn Poly. The premium would, howstill be higher than bugh a direct-sell insurance agency such as Columbus which would charge £37.85 on



Business travellers can expect to pay more for hotels in Bombay than anywhere else

## Bombay tops hotel price league

overnight, according to a new survey of business travellers, Harvey Elliott writes.

The average price paid for a nights accommodation in a hotel in the Indian city in 1996 was £154.84, ahead of Moscow, where rooms cost on average £152.65 a night, and pushing Hong Kong, at £150.65, into third place.

Tokyo, for many years con-sidered the world's most expensive city, plunged from first to 15th place after average room rates fell by more than 20 per cent to £126.55 a night. The world's costliest country for a night's stay is Russia, the survey, by Hogg Robinson Business Travel, notes. Argen-

BOMBAY is the most expen-sive city in the world to stay in £136.60 a night, leapt to third spot, the survey says.

Mike Platt, Hogg Robin-son's commercial affairs director, says that cities such as Bombay are rapidly running out of the kind of high-quality business hotel accommodation preferred by business travellers. He says: "India is the perfect example of a country in which there is a shortage of up-market hotels and where, as a result, prices are going through the roof. This is very much a businesstravel phenomenon and does

not reflect the prices paid by holidaymakers." Business travellers are now increasingly looking for top quality, rather than cheapness, Hogg Robinson adds. Mr Platt says: "They are prepared to stay only in hotels in which they think that their stomach will be safe."

price — is worrying business travellers, who are often being ed rates if they check in at the last moment or at peak times. "Companies are finding that they have to pay premium rates to guarantee getting a room in London." Mr Platt says. "Hotel chains are making a quick buck while they

But now a new problem -guaranteeing a mom at any

"gazumped" on their negotiatcan. They should be looking after their volume customers and honouring negotiated tar iffs in order to retain loyalty in

## New ferry on Irish route

A FOURTH ferry crossing be-tween Scotland and Northern Ireland takes to the seas this summer, despite the year-long breakdown in the IRA ceasefire, Steve Keenan writes.

The Argyll & Antrim Steam Packet Company will operate seasonal service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle in Co. Antrim, starting on July l and offering two round trips a day with a crossing time of three hours. The MV Claymore, which can carry 300 passengers and 50 cars, will operate until October in the first year, extending in future

Hamish Ross, the manag-

ing director, expects almost half its passengers to be heading for the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland. He says: "The new service will become an important link between Ireland and Argyll and the Scottish Highlands and islands."

In its first season, the company expects to carry 10,000 cars and 30,000 passengers, at fares starting at E230 for a car and four adults for a midweek return, rising to £314 for a peak-period return. The service is owned by Sea

Containers, which also operates SeaCat Scotland between Strangaer and Belfast.

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#### **NEWS**

#### Rushdie bounty raised to \$2.5m

A shadowy Iranian foundation yesterday increased the reward for the murder of Salman Rushie by \$500,000 to \$2.5 million and said that even non-Muslims would be eligible to collect the bounty.

Britain swiftly denounced the move as as an "outrageous infringement" of the British author's fundamental rights and rejected attempts by President Rafsanjani to distance his Government from the offer... ....Pages L, 2

#### Labour to force critical vote

■ The Labour Party will attempt to harry John Major into an early general election by forcing a critical vote next Monday calling for Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, to be sacked for his handling of the BSE crisis. If the Government lost, a confidence vote would follow. ... Page 1

#### **Telephone winners**

A British Airways offer of £10 Concorde seats which attracted 30 million calls was won by two British Telecom staff working in the same office Page 1

#### Woman priest boycott

A canon at St Paul's Cathedral has attacked the appointment of the cathedral's first woman priest as "typical of the liberal agenda" and says he will boycott her communion services ... \_\_Page l

#### Peace meeting hitch

A meeting between US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Sir Patrick Mayhew on the Ulster peace process appears unlikely to \_\_\_\_Page 2

#### Drugs danger

A thriving network of private doctors is making huge sums by overprescribing illegal drugs to patients who then sell on the open market ...

#### Murder secret

The secret of David Howells's involvement in the murder of his domineering wife Eve by their two schoolboy sons was locked away with him in a life

#### Ferryman's treasure

A ferryman is expected to make tens of thousands of pounds from his discovery of a Roman sculpture which archaeologists said was the best example of its type found in Scotland .....Page 8

#### Food of love

The latest show for Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber began to reveal its list of stars after decades in creation. The composer is auctioning his wine cellar \_\_\_\_Page 10

#### Forgiven at last

D. H. Lawrence has finally been welcomed back into Nottingham university which disowned its most famous student after he eloped with his professor's ... Page II

#### Secret hoard

Behind the doors of Louis XIV's palace at Versailles lies a huge and embarrassing "secret" -8,000 paintings and 2,000 statues kept from the public for nearly two decades through lack of ..... Page 13

Christians hounded

Thousands of Pakistani Christians are living rough in tents after an estimated 20,000 Muslim rioters drove them from their homes in Punjab ...... Page 15 Korean defection

In a devastating blow to the waning fortunes of the isolated North Korean regime, a close confidant of President Kim Jong II, defected

#### to South Korea Page 16 Motorways blocked

Scores of British lorry drivers were trapped in Spain as an increasingly violent strike by Spanish truckers closed most of the northern motorways ...... Page 17

#### Sister left alone on her island

For 33 years two sisters lived on their island half a mile off has ended with the death of Evelyn Atkins, 87. Her sister Barbara, in her late 70s, is now the sole resident of St George's Island, a stone's throw yet a world away from the other end of their lifeline, the little harbour at West Looe ...



A group of Italians who live in Dover were at the Bar Italia in London to cheer on their team for last night's World Cup qualifying game

#### BUSINESS

Jobs: Seasonally-adjusted unemployment fell 68,000 to 1,815,300 in January, its lowest level for six years, and a rate of 6.5 per .....Page 27

Tesco: The supermarket is to fire the latest shot in the store wars with the launch of a service to provide a credit card and a range of financial services, including mortgages, in a joint venture with the Royal Bank of Scotland ..... Page 27

Gas: British Gas will from Monday become two companies after shareholders voted in favour of a ....Page 27 demerger .....

Markets: The FT-SE 100 was unchanged at 4304.3. Sterling was unchanged at 98.2 falling from \$1.6426 to \$1.6332 and rising from DM2.7458 to DM2.7492 ... Page 30

#### Football: Scotland's 0-0 draw with Estonia left their supporters in a muddled mental state. Shock at the result mingled with recognition that the failure was all too easy to ..... Page 49

Rugby union: The England management are downplaying the Ireland coach Brian Ashton's knowledge of English rugby as the most serious threat awaiting the team in \_\_\_ Page 46 Dublin ...

Cricket: England are likely to be unchanged for the final Test, a powerful argument in favour of their first overseas series win for ... Page 48 five years ....

Skling: Alberto Tomba relinquished his giant slalom title to Michael von Grünigen, of Switzerland, Page 50 in Sestriere\_

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DE England, Central N, NE England: bright start, rain spreading from the west, snow on hills. Seconing brighter and mainly dry. Wind west-

erly, fresh becoming strong, perhaps touching gale. Max 06C (43F).

#### Hamlet for heroes: Four hours of startling enunciation, exhausting flashbacks, visual overkill, dazzling wardrobes and glossy casting: Geoff Brown on Kenneth Branagh's latest bardery......Page 41

Uneasy Ryder: Best of the video releases is Boys, with Winona Ryder; plus Jim Carrey in The Cable Guy, with enough rudery to appeal to half-termers ..... .... Page 42

Moviemaking: Launching our competition, with the chance to win a £56,000 Artiflex camera, a look at the appeal of making movies on a shoestring....

Clown prince: Peter Bowles firmly establishes himself alongside "the deftest, wittiest and most complete actors we possess" in Molière's The School for Wives \_\_\_\_\_ Page 43

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## ROCK

David Sinclair meets Aerosmith, the bad boys of rock'n'roll who

Extra league tables are planned for schools. But can parents cope with more information?

#### Heroes needed: Quentin Letts goes in search of American black role models to replace those who have

fallen from grace Page 19 Dr Thomas Stuttaford: St Valentine cares for epileptics; search for the food of love; need for scans; illness that targets women ...... Page 18

#### Writing on writers: Peter Ackroyd on Lord Byron; R. W. Johnson on South Africans: Oleg Gordievsky's old scores; Nicholas Wapshott on Audrey Hepburn......Pages 44, 45

New deal: Britain's second biggest package tour operator is selling Bargains: Springtime in Paris to a flutter in Las Vegas ..........Page 24

Learning for life: Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the National Training Awards ...... Pages 37-40

Belgrade is having a lot of trouble in assimilating the rudiments of democracy. After having acknowledged the opposition victory at the municipal elections then deciding to cancel in those areas where it was displeased with the success, it has just gone back to square one. All this shilly shallying is a product

Preview: The ape closest to ourselves lives in Zaire. Wildlife on One (BBCL 8pm). Review: Lynne Truss on the decline of a dramatic masterpiece....

#### No contest

On balance, the country (and the Labour Party) should be grateful both for the Bank's vigilance on inflation and for the generally sensible economic judgment of Mr Clarke .... .....Page 21

#### Green at the edges

It again looks as if American foreign policy is merely the outcome of a trial of strength among assorted interest groups. If so, the Unionists can hardly be expected to trust the United States .....

#### Truth about the fatwa

Europe is no longer pursuing a credible policy on the Rushdie affair. Nor is it likely to do so unless Britain takes a lead .......... Page 21

#### WILLIAM REES-MOGG

In 1997 Britain and Germany each need to develop an imaginative sympathy for the other's historic point of view. Neither country is very good at doing that .... Page 20 MAGNUS LINKLATER

Here was a judge exercising discretion - not so much with what Edmund Burke described as "the cold neutrality of an impartial judge". but rather with the humanity of one concerned by the wider interests of justice... PETER RIDDELL

The Tories are having the better of the pre-election argument over the economy, but it may not do them much good electorally...... Page 12 JOHN BRYANT

Dancing's latest partner, unlikely as it sounds, is rugby union. Rugby players at Cambridge University have apparently found that some thing was lacking in training and have taken up ballet... Page 50

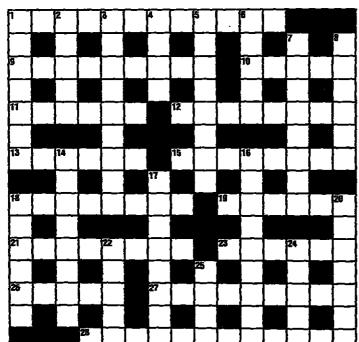
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lector, Squadron Leader Bunny Rymills, Lysander pilot, Barry Evans, actor.....

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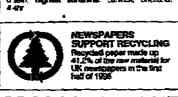
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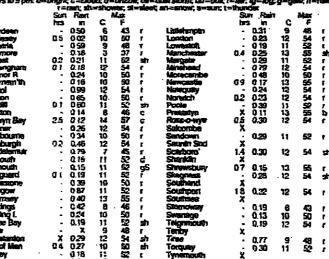
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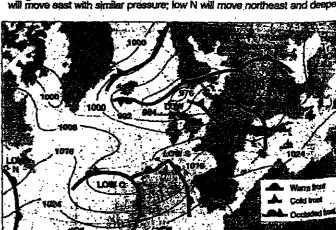


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